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# **Japanese** foreign minister: I trust Netanyahu

**DAVID HARRIS** 

JAPANESE Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda last night told The Jerusalem Posithat he trusts Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and expects he will turn his words into

"Netanyahu confided in me his determination to observe the agreements that have been achieved in the peace process to date, and to carry forward that peace process in good faith and energetically," Ikeda said.

Following a lengthy meeting with Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy earlier in the day, Ikeda called on Israel to resume the process as soon as possible.

"At the same time, I very much hope and expect that the Arabs will appreciate the willingness on the part of Israel and also live. responsibility," he said.

While the US has been pressuring Japan to terminate its relations with Iran, Ikeda justified his country's commercial ties with that

country. "We share with the entire world community the concern about the possible involvement in terrorism of Iran," he said. "To look at the other side of the coin, if there is clear and abundant evidence that Iran is involved in terrorism then obviously our relations with that country will change. However, at a stage where there is no such clear and absolute evidence, we would not take that sort of hard-fisted approach that a certain country is taking."

Japan will continue to caution Iran by maintaining its channel of critical dialogue, the minister said.

Economically, the minister would neither confirm nor deny the likelihood of imminent investments here by Japanese corporations, saying such pronouncements are a matter for the companies concerned, and stressing that Japan does not have a centrally planned economy.

Ikeda repeated his government's opinion that stability must exist in a country or region before large-scale investments will flow from the public sector.

"If we as the government were to use a budget which is derived from tax payed by the taxpayers for areas where war is raging, or where there is high risk of war, then the chance is public opinion would not accept such a Japanese government deci-sion," Ikeda said.

#### Hijacked Sudanese plane diverted to Larnaca

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) - A Sudanese Jetliner with 186 passengers and 13 crew members was hijacked yesterday and

was hijacked yesterday and diverted to the Larnaca International Airport in Cyprus, aviation officials said.

The plane landed at the airport at around 11:15 p.m. (2015 GMT), according to police Inspector Andreas Gregoriades.

The plane, an Airbus 310, was en route to Amman, Jordan from the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, according to avistion officials in Egypt.

Israel radio said the plane was

trying to land at Larnaca, Cyprus, to refuel for a flight to London.





Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, clad in a life vest and goggles, is briefed during a visit to the US Navy aircraft carrier 'Enterprise' yesterday.

# Gold, Baz meet in Paris

**ELDAD BECK** 

PARIS

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dote Gold and Osama Baz, diplomatic adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, were scheduled to meet here last night.

The meeting, under the auspices of Dennis Ross, US Middle East peace process coordinator, was called to prevent deterioration in Israeli-Egyptian relations and examine ways to reactivate the peace

The Egyptian Embassy spekesman in France limited himself to saying that a statement will be published after the meeting

the Middle East and North Africa department in the Quai d'Orsay, France's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Arabic daily Al-Hayat, published in Europe, reported that Egypt is concerned about last week's successful test of the Arrow 2 missile. According to the report, Muberak has received detailed intelligence reports about the missile and how it might

affect the military balance in the region. The report also indicated that Egyptian authori-

Mossad as spies.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister David Levy will pay an official visit to France on September 10. It will be the first official visit to France by a member

Levy is scheduled to hold talks with President Jacques Chirac and Foreign Minister Herve de

ber of young Egyptians looking for work in Israel. Some 14,000 Egyptians arrived in Israel during 1995, and information has reached Cairo showing that some of them are employed in Jewish towns in Judea and Samaria, and others are recruited by the

of Netarryahu's government.

# Uproar over attacks on Justice Barak

MICHAL YUDELMAN and Itim

A PUBLIC furor erupted yesterday over attacks against Supreme Court President Aharon Barak printed in two haredi newspapers. The attacks, targeting Barak as "the great enemy of Judaism," were roundly denounced by both opposition and

coalition members. The articles appeared in Hashavua

and Yated Ne'eman. Finance Minister Dan Meridor sharply condemned the attacks on Barak, the Supreme Court and the justice system, calling them "a severe incitement campaign that is unprecedented in the state's history, aimed at damaging not only senior justices but at undermining the basic values of society and the public's

confidence in the justice system." Meridor said "a torn society such as ours cannot survive without the restrictions laid down by the Supreme Court" and commended the Supreme Court justices, singling out Barak for his "unique concept of democracy and Judaism in the state and his protection of the most basic interests of society. "There is freedom of expression, but no freedom of incitement," he stressed.

Hashavua editor Zuckerman said that the article in his publication expressed the dissatis-

faction of much of the haredi community with the method of appoint-Labor MK Dalia Itzik charged that the incitement is not only endanger-

ing Barak's life, but threatening to

What troubles me most is Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's ongoing silence in the face of the incitement. He has learned nothing from the awful incitement which preceded [Yitzhak] Rabin's murder. Netanyahu should have been the first to call on all the haredi parties, as well as the secular ones, to come out against it. What he failed to do then [before Rabin's assassination]

must be done now," Itzik said.
However, during his meeting with
Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda, Netanyahu praised Barak and condemned the attacks on him, saying, "We are a country based on law, and the Supreme Court is a comerstone of the legislative authority in the state. We will not permit attacks on this important and central institu-

Israel Radio legal expert Moshe Negbi said the articles against Barak, as well as posters condemning Barak that have appeared in Jerusalem neighborhoods, have all the elements of incitement that appeared in the attacks on Rabin last year.

Negbi said that the violent tone of the articles and posters could almost certainly be translated into violence, especially when directed at a public which he said considers religious values, as it interprets them, above

"If you say to people like these that Barak is Judaism's most dangerous enemy, it's like branding him as a traitor to Judaism, as they did to

# **Arafat wants** Weizman to commute prisoners' sentences

DAVID MAKOVSKY

A KEY reason why Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat seeks a meeting with President Ezer Weizman is that he wants Weizman to intervene to commute the sentences of Palestinian prisoners, including Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, non-Israeli diplo-

matic sources said. Arafat is also seeking the release of women being held as accomplices in killings and Fatah members.

Arafat believes Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak won a commitment from Weizman to commute the sentences of Palestinian prisoners when the Egyptian leader phoned Weizman during the visit of then foreign minister Shimon Peres to Alexandria last summer.

Moreover, top Palestinian negotia-

tor Mahmoud Abbas is said to believe that he had a commitment from Peres last spring that Israel would release Yassin if the PA succeeded in locating the body of soldier Ilan Sa'adon, kidnapped and murdered in 1989. Sa'adon's remains were found last month with the PA's help, and buried earlier this

Abbas and others have suggested that the PA paid substantial amounts of money to Islamic militants for information on the body's location.

Apart from discussing prisoners, Arafat expressed interest in meeting Weizman in an attempt to increase public pressure on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyabu to also meet with him, the diplomatic sources

# Interest rates to drop by 0.5%

THE Bank of Israel's key lending rates will be reduced next week by 50 basis points to 15.8 percent, the central bank announced yesterday. The second consecutive reduction, after seven months of a highly contentious policy of monetary restraint, follows a 2% drop in

inflationary expectations, according to the bank. The bank attributed the apparent cooling down of the potentially overheating economy to the sharp, 1.5% rate-hike it had sanctioned in June. Inflation will apparently be lower in the year's second half than its level during the first six months, while money supply appears to be in line with the gov-

ernment's inflation targets, the Bank of Israel said. It stressed, however, that inflationary pressures still exceed the government's targets, and that while some recent data indicate at "a certain slow-down in the pace of the domestic product's expansion," the economy is still plagued by surplus demand.

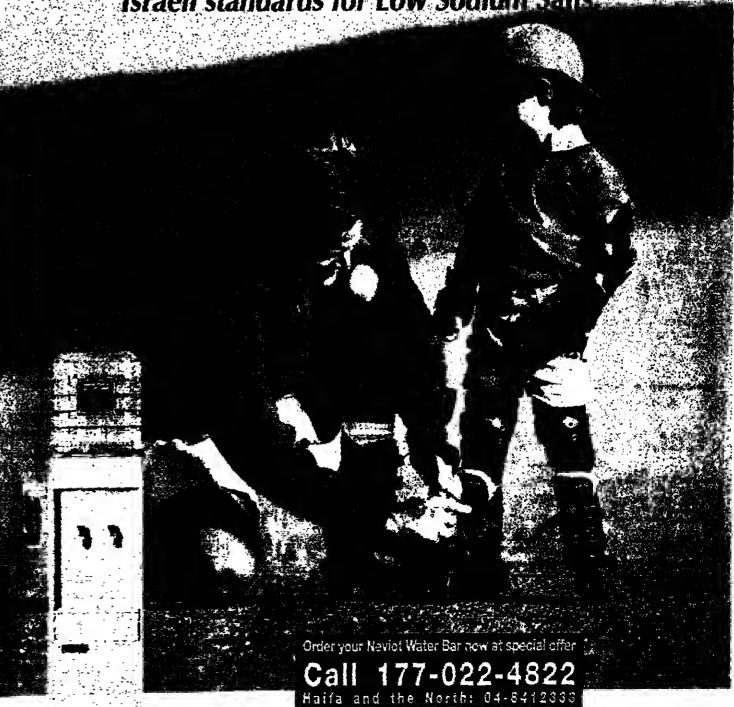
Evelyn Gordon adds: Speaking to reporters after a Knesset Finance Committee meeting, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel did not rule out further rate cuts this year, though he stressed that the government's planned budget cuts - which will not take effect until 1997 - are key to enabling further reductions.

Though the budget cuts will not take effect until next year, he explained, they could still have an anti-inflationary impact this year, if people are convinced they will really be enacted, and inflationary expectations decline accordingly. Commercial banks to reduce prime lending rates, Page 8

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# Syrian troops in Lebanon said redeploying in fear of IAF Expert: Syrian movements in

SYRIAN troop units have redeployed into defensive positions in eastern Lebanon, apparently out of concern of possible IAF raids. according to reports from Lebanon.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, however, said yesterday that "there has been no basic change in the situation between us and Syria, and there has been no change in our intentions, which have always been to defeod

Foreign Minister David Levy said that "Israel is following the Syrian troop move-ments in Lebanon, but there is oo need for

An-Nahar said some units, including tanks, had pulled out of positions on the Beirut-Damascus bighway. The newspaper said it appeared the movements were designed to guard against air raids and were apparently in response to recent "warlike" statements by

and news agencies

Israeli leaders. "The change of positions of the Syrian army in the mountains and on the Syrian-Lebanese borders follows fears of an Israeli operation against these forces," An-Nahar quoted sources

The report quoted Lebanese security sources as saying that any air raids would be against Syrian troop concentrations deep inside

Lebanon. Some of the troops, therefore, had rede-ployed towards the Syrian border, apparently as a precaution, the Lebanese security sources were quoted as saying.

Lebanese security sources told Reuters that Syrian troops appeared to be carrying out a ployment in which they were vacating some exposed positions they have held for years in central Lebanon.

According to the reports in the Lebanese press, the Syrian troops have moved from two key positions on the Beirut-Damascus highway, Bhamdoun and Deir el-Baidaer, both east of Beirut

The reports, however, did not specify the size of the troop or armor movements, nor where they had been redeployed. But they did say that Lebanese army troops had taken over the Bhamdoun position.

Some Lebanese oewspapers also reported that the Syrians had thinned out their troops in Moslem West Beirut, although there was oo confirmation of this from other sources. The checkpoints in the region, however, were still reported to be manned by Syrian

movements in Lebanon were a pressure tactic aimed at pushing the peace talks with Israel out of their current stalemate. The Syrians want to keep the pressure on and they want to indi-

ZE EV Maoz, head of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, said yesterday that the Syrian troop

cate that if there is oo movement on the political front then things might escalate," Maoz told The Jerusalem Post."In the long run, if the political stalemate continues, the likelihood of conflict increases. Things like this have a tendency of escalating if the parties don't keep track of their actions."

Maoz said the Syrian troop redeployment has been going oo since last week and had been scheduled ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

and even coordinated with Israel through the United States-Redeployment involves temporarily increasing forces, because you don't pull out one unit before its replacement is in position," Maoz said. But Maoz said it was coincideoce that the Syrian troop movements occurred during the recent saber-rattling between

Jerusalem and Damascus. What is not coincidental and subsequently dangerous is that the parties are exchanging threats," Maoz said.

Maoz said the possibility of a conflict erupting between Israeli and Syrian forces would involve one of two scenarios. The first

Lebanon are a pressure tactic would be following a resumption of large-scale attacks between Israel and Hizbullah. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has hinted that he would not refrain from hitting Syrian targets if this

occurred, Maoz said. The second scenario woold involve an escalation following a series of statements accompanied by troop movements that would lead to a clash. But Maoz said this scenario was not likely since it was more controllable.

"The Syrians have a significant say over what Hizbullah can or cannot do. But like any other guerrilla organization, which is decentralized, it can be very difficult to control all guerrillas all of the

# PA economic minister to raise closure with Meridor today

JON IMMANUEL

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor hosts Palestinian Anthority Economics Minister Maher el-Masri for a meeting in Jerusalem today. The session is being billed as a get-acquainted session for two newcomers to the peace talks, though the Palestinians plan to raise several specific issues.

The main thing the Palestinians want is to convene the joint eco-comic committee, which has not met in nine months, and to ensure Israel's continued commitment to the 1994 Paris economic agree-

Next, "The closure must be lifted, not just eased," says Samir Huleileh, the ministry director-general. The closure restricts the movement not only of workers, but of commodities, investors, merchants and businessmen, be said.

"We have hundreds of international investors who came to invest here, but Israel has not giveo any permits since the Cairo agreement in May 1994," be said. According to Huleileb, many of these investors would have stayed if given permits, despite the clo-sure, which other Palestinian officials say was the main reason investors withdrew.

Other immediate issues, such as the PA's need for an immediate cash infusion to pay the salaries of public sector workers, is not Israel's responsibility. Huleile said he hoped this would be covered by the international donors in the donors' conference scheduled for September 5 in Washington.

On Sunday, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat met with the foreign minister of Japan, one of the major donors. Unemployment, which stands at 50% in Gaza and 40% in the West Bank, and a \$127 million budget deficit are some of the economic problems facing the PA...

Terje Larsen, the UN coordinator stationed in Gaza, said last week, We may see a financial collapse of the Palestinian Authority if these issues are not addressed.

He pointed out that easing the closure was essential to easing the PA's \$127 million budget deficit, since every 10,000 workers generates \$20 million in taxes to the PA annually.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Authority bas received permission to fly the two Russian-piloted belicopters at Arafat's disposal from Gaza to the West Bank.

The decision clears up a perceived insult by the government last week when the IDF briefly barred Arafat from overflying Israel to Ramallah for a meeting with former prime minister Shimon Peres. Arafat adviser Nabil Abu

Rudeineh said Arafat planned to fly to the West Bank, probably to Ramallah, tomorrow and is considering making a major public speech. However, the decision on the helicopters and the increasing

pace of meetings between Palestinian and Israeli officials has not lifted Arafat out of his despondency concerning the low level of relations with the government.

President Ezer Wcizman's decision to meet with Arafat is welcome, but with caution, as no date has been set, Abu Rudeineh said.

# Gov't holds off on letting in more Palestinian workers

DAVID HARRIS

PRIME Minister Binyamio Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, and Finance Minister Dan Meridor did not increase the oumber of Palestinian workers allowed into the country. during a meeting held yesterday to discuss the economic problems faced by the Palestinians.

As a result of the meeting, however, a small team of senior representatives of the Prime Minister's Office and the three ministries will discuss possible proposals in detail.

Among the possibilities raised yesterday was a proposal 10 increase the number of Palestinian workers allowed in from 32,000 to

The ministers also looked at ways to ease the passage of goods out of the territories, including facilitatiog quicker security checks at crossing points. They also discussed ways to make it easier for Palestinian businessmen to move between Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, and into Israel.

Increasing the number of Palestinian workers by 18,000 would bave a significant impact oo the Palestinian Authority's attitude," Foreign Ministry assistant director-general for economics Oded Eran said yesterday.
The International Monetary Fund

and World Bank estimate that every 10,000 Palestinians who

work in Israel generate an annual \$20 million to \$25m in income. Since the closure began six months ago, the PA says unemployment has risen to 40 percent in the West Bank and 51% in Gaza

One issue not considered was a Palestinian demand that Israel stop sending defective goods to the ter-

The Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PEDCAR) last week insisted Israel prevent the Palestinian market from beiog flooded with out-of-date goods, or products which are not up to standard for international export.

This claim was rejected by Eran, who is heading Israel's economic negotiations with Egypt, Jordan. and the PA.

"In Israel, we say it is the responsibility of the vendors to see that the goods they sell are of good quality," said Eran. "The same should be true the other way around. If Palestinians feel Israeli goods are defective, just don't buy them."

Eran also expressed concern over Palestinian proposals to introduce legislation limiting dealings with Israel that are "contradictory to at least the spirit of our economic agreement." The planned laws include the limiting the goods imported from Israel, and the establishment of Palestinian agencies to monitor imports.

# routine rotation of forces, as well as a rede-

Human rights activist Bashar Tarabich (center) is led by policemen and a plainclothes guard out of an Acre jail yesterday.

# Security suspect placed under house arrest

-- THE Acre Magistrate's Court yesterday put summoned for questioning at any time, the Bashar Tarableh, 27, of Majdal Shams in the court declared. Golan Heights, under house arrest for two

tions, has been living in the Philadelphia area for the past two-and-a-half years, and so will spend the two days in an Acre hotel.

Tarabieh, who is suspected of security viola-

He can not be in contact with anyone other

HATTEM Abdel Kbader, the

Palestinian Council member who

defied the government and opened

an office in his Jerusalem home

earlier this month, was visited yes-

terday by bailiffs who confiscated

much of his furniture and electri-

cal appliances because he owed a

Khader charged that the confis-

catioo was politically motivated

and aimed at harassing him for

challenging the government's ban

on PA activity in Jerusalem. City

officials, however, denied this,

saying he was treated like any

other resident who bas a major

"The right-wing government is

trying to put pressure on me to close my office," which is located

in the living room of his home in

Khader admitted that he owed

the municipality money, but said

bis lawyer had worked out an

agreement with the city allowing

him to pay the debt off in monthly

"They took furniture, and my tele-

vision, and other electrical appli-

installments of NIS 400.

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ances," Khader said. The furniture in the living room that doubles as

The city spokesman said Khader owes some NIS 40,000, and the

debt was turned over to a collec-

tion agency months ago, with

court approval. The timing of the confiscation - just after Khader's

stand-off with the government - is purely coincidental, the

Meanwhile, Khader said that

senior Palestioian negotiator

Mahmoud Abbas may have gone

behind the back of Faisal

Husseini, the senior PLO official

in Jerusalem, io ordering the

Palestinian Geographic Center in

eastern Jerusalem closed over the

weekend, as demanded by the

Khader, who formerly served as

Husseini's spokesman, said that just days before leaving for

Amman, Husseini told him that

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Tarabieh was arrested last Monday for allegedly setting fire to a police station in the village of Mas'ada two months ago, and to the local council building in Majdal Shams three years ago, among other offens-

Tarabieh said the charges against him are

other cases. The only difference is that I am a human rights activist and live in the US." Tarabieh has been working for Human Rights Watch, a US-based organization.

Tarabieh told police that oo the day of the Mas'ada fire, he spent the day picking pears and theo went home to sleep.

Police initially requested that he be detained for three more days, but later agreed

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Two soldiers killed in Negev crash Two soldiers from Kiryat Gat, Yaniv Azarzer, 21, and Arik Eliah, 20, were killed yesterday in a collision between their car and a cement mixer on the Yad Mordechai-Zikkim highway in the

Police said their car swerved out of its lane and slammed head-on into the cement mixer, which overturned. Two young men riding in a Border Police jeep were then lightly injured when the car ricocheted into their vehicle after the initial crash. The driver of the

cement mixer who was also lightly hurt. In another accident, a 15-year-old Palestinian was seriously injured when he was hit by a van in the Elah Valley.

Palestinian policeman wounds driver A Palestinian policeman fired at a car at a roadblock in Nablus, wounding a father of eight, after the driver received a signal from

another policeman to drive on through. The incident bappeoed five days ago, but Zuhdi Araysheh, 41, who was a passenger, and was shot in the head by one of 40 bullets fired at the vebicle, regained consciousness only two days ago to explain what happened. He told human rights activist Bassem Eid that there was no stop sign indicating a

PFLP-GC denies that Syria expelled Jibril The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command denied that Syria has asked its leader, Ahmed Jibril, to

relocate to Iran, as reported in The Jerusalem Post yesterday. The PFLP-GC and Syria have a relationship based on mutual respect, according to a statement the organization released

The statement also denied any involvement in last month's TWA crash, saying the PFLP-GC does not view the US as its

Kahalani against Jewish worship on Mount Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani yesterday reiterated his opposition to Jewish worship on the Temple Mount, at a meeting with convicted Jewish underground member Yehuda Etzion, who is leading the fight to end the ban on all but Moslem worship at the

Kahalani promised, however, that he would raise the matter with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Etzion said.

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# **Report: Participants in Dhahran** bombing carried Syrian passports HILLEL KUTTLER

IRANIAN and Saudi technicians involved in the June 25 bombing of the US military barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, carried Syrian passports, USA Today reported yesterday. The article also revealed that

six months before the attack, the US Air Force passed along intelligence indicating that a bombing was possible at the com-

US and foreign intelligence reports obtained by the newspaper also stated that last summer, terrorist training increased in WASHINGTON

the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley, and was conducted hy the Iranian Revolutionary Guard and overseen by an Iranian diplomat based in

Weapons transported through Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan to Saudi Arabia bore markings and serial numbers of military stockpiles in Lebanon and Syria, the paper reported, quoting the intelligence reports.

In the three months preceding the bombing, accomplices to the bombing also reportedly created disturbances at the compound's gate to test

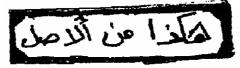
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A US intelligence report was said to have reached the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other Pentagon officials prior to the bombing.

US officials twice asked the Saudi government to create a security perimeter larger ` around the compound, but were rebuffed, the reports stated.

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Jerusalem municipality: 5,000 students \_\_attend

illegal schools **BILL HUTMAN and Itim** 

ABOUT 5,000 Jerusalem youngsters study in haredi schools that operate with no Education Ministry supervision, in clear violation of the law, according to municipal officials, who held a press conference yesterday held to mark the opening of the school

The schools belong to the most extreme of the haredi groups, which do not recognize the state, according to me officials.

Avraham Schwartz, head of the municipality's haredi education department, said that the ministry. and not the city, is responsible for enforcing laws requiring schools to be overseen by the ministry. Some 93,000 youngsters are

slated to begin their studies next week in the capital. Mayor Ehud Olmert said that despite budget constraints, the municipality continues to spend unprecedented amounts of money on improving the city's education system.

Some NIS 387 million of the municipal budget goes to education this year, up by over 50 per-



Gal Friedman, wearing his Olympic hronze medal, accepts congratulations from Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon during a ceremony at the Knesset yesterday for returning Olympic athletes.

# New technique may preserve fertility in cancer patients

RAMBAM Hospital doctors will remove a small section from the ovary of a woman, who is undergoing aggressive chemotherapy for lymphatic cancer, in the hope of transplanting it back into her

body after she recovers.

This experimental procedure, developed recendy in Britain and being ried for the first time here, is aimed at giving women made infertile by-cancer therapy a chance to have ebildren.

The technique has not yet produced a pregnancy in any medical center that has attempted it, but based on animal experiments, doctors believe it can work. Rambam gynecologists, headed by depart-ment chairman Prof. Joseph Itskovitz, have received the goahead from the "Helsinki committees" on human experimentation, both in the Health Ministry and in the Haifa hospital itself.

A tiny piece of ovary is removed by laparoscopy. The tissue is frozen. When the woman is ready to have a child, the tissue is defrosted and reinserted into the ovary -

with a few stitches. If this is not possible, the eggs can be ripened in-vitro and fertilized with her husband's sperm for implantation in her uterus or fallopian tubes. The ovarian tissue can remain frozen for

years, Itskovitz said yesterday. Simultaneously, the woman will undergo hormone treatments as preparation for removal of individual ova, which will be fertilized in a glass dish by her husband's sperm. Any resulting embryos will be frozen for use

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# Teachers refuse to take wage dispute to labor court

THE perennial threat of a school strike loomed again yesterday as secondary school teachers turned down the Treasury's suggestion that a labor court rule on whether teachers' wages had eroded since the wage agreements signed with them in 1993 and 1994.

The suggestion was raised in a meeting yesterday between Treasury wage director Yossi Kucik, and Shoshana Oren, head of the Secondary School Teachers Association. Shortly afterwards, the union announced that it was turning down the proposal.

The Treasury claims that the teachers should return 13.8% of the wage increment they received. The teachers claim they are entitled to a further raise of 2%.

"A court procedure would take much too loog," union spokesman Rivka Kanarek explained. "We want to solve the problem before Sunday, otherwise we will not open the schools. Why does it bave to take so long to implement an agreement which should have gone into effect on January 1, 1996, the date agreed upon to fix the rate of ension of our wages?"

"If they are so sure they are right, why don't they let the court prove it?" Arye Greenblatt, a Treasury spokesman, said last

The discrepancy between the

two sides is a result of the interpretation of the erosion. The teachers, who are linked to the engineers' scale, say that they are missing the component of darga (level) which other sectors of the economy have. "Let the Treasury compare a teacher with an engineer, who three years ago had level eight, and who now has level 12," Kanarek said. "Instead, they are comparing the same teacher with an eogineer who has only now reached level eight."

Judy Siegel adds: Health services will be supplied in the schools for at least the next four months, after the Finance Ministry decided to transfer.NIS 24 million to the local authorities to cover the expenses of doctors, nurses and

vaccinations. The National. Parents Association had threatened to strike if parents were forced to pay a health-services' fee this year, as the national health insurance system launched in January 1995 counted school health services as part of the basket of services to be supplied free. But the local authorities and the Health

Ministry argued that they didn't have the money to pay for them.

A Treasury spokesman said that legislation would be passed towards the end of the year for malizing arrangements regarding school health services.

# Stockholm congress seeks answers to child prostitution

AS anger, grief, and fear spread through Belgium following the deaths by starvation of two eightyear-old girls at the hands of a pedophile gang, the World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children opened today in Stockholm.

The purpose of the congress is to get governments to take the problem seriously, because it is becoming international," said Leah Gruenpeter-Gold, secretarygeneral of Shani, the Israel branch of the International Abolitionist Federation. Gruenpeter-Gold is attending the conference as the representative of a nongovernmental organization.

It's a mistake to view sexual exploitation of minors as restricted to one part of the globe, she said. The fact that Israelis who visit Southeast Asia can buy sex with eight-year-olds whets their appetite for similar services here.
"The result is that brothel owners here employ younger and younger prostitutes," she said.

According to Gruenpeter-Gold, the route to child prostimuon here often begins with sexual abuse in the home. In adolescence, the victim may become a drug addict, then turn to prostitution to support the habit.

The availability of child pornography here also spurs the demand for child prostitutes, she said.

Ironically, experts in the field say that countries like Holland, Germany, and Austria that have tried to control prostitution by institutionalizing it have ended up with the worst problems. International traffickers in child pornography and prostimtion have

become most entrenched in these

Dr. Menahem Horovitz, a member of the Film Censorship Board and a Hebrew University criminologist who is an expert on sex offenses, said exploiting children to produce child pornography is clearly illegal, but restricting an individual's right to view pornography is more problematic.

According to Horovitz, evidence linking film and video viewing and behavior is inconclusive, though all research on the subject shows there is a desensitizing of the viewer. "If you watch a lot of violent movies, for example, yon need a higher and higher level of violence to arouse your interest," he said.

The Stockholm conference might have gone unnoticed here, except for the flap that erupted several weeks ago over the cost of accommodations for the prime minister's wife, Sara Netanyahu, who was scheduled to attend. Following the scandal, she withdrew her participation.
Although about 50 ministers from various countries are expected at the cooference, Israel has sent no ministeriallevel representatives.

Gruenpeter-Gold hopes the conference will raise the level of awareness here. The public, including those who deal with the problem, aren't aware that prostitution is to society what incest is to a family," she said. Everyone is up in arms about incest, but the usual attitude is that a prostitute chooses her occupation. I don't think little girls choose this."

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**Democrats expect unity** 

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fonr-day convention to counter Republican claims at their convention two weeks ago that Clinton is a failure and Dnle can do more for women and ethnic minorities.

The Democratic Party, traditionally left-of-center, appeals to diverse segments of the US population, from workers in scholars and ethnic minorities. The Republicans have a traditional following among husiness people and conservatives.

The Democrats' opening night will highlight the party's commitment to minorities, with speakers famous and little known. Clinton won't arrive until tomorrow to accept the formal nomination.

The Democrats last convened in Chicago in 1968, at the height of opposition to the Victnam War. Protesters fought police in the streets, and the battles were televised across the nation.

Clinton's lead over Dole has narrowed significantly since the Republican convention.

The ABC television news national tracking poll said that among voters who seem more likely to vote in November, Clinton got 47 percent, Dole 42 percent and Ross Perot 7 percent.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll found Dole significantly stronger than he was before the Republican gathering - trailing Clinton by 12 points, down from 22 in early August.



President Bill Clinton is handed a saxophone by one of his supporters in Chillicothe, Ohio where his train stopped as a part of the president's whistlestop tour on the way to Chicago for the Democratic Party Convention.

# Albright: US says 'no' to Boutros-Ghali, 'yes' to UN CHICAGO (AP) - UN Secretary countries' husinesses that have

General Boutros Bontros-Ghali dealings with the regimes. She has to go, but a second Clinton challenged allies who have critiadministration would retain cized such US efforts to do more strong support for the United Natn fight terrorism and promnte tions, Amhassador Madeleine democracy. Albright said on the eve of the Canada's ambassador to Wash-Democratic convention. ingtnn, Raymand Chretien, Albright, the United States' top UN diplomat, said the deci-

asked Albright to reconsider US opposition to Boutros-Ghali, calling it a mistake, and said some US laws appear to go against international law. "Mr. Ambassador, we would like you to help us get democracy

in Cuba," Albright told Chretien. Albright, while allying herself with Republicans on that issue, gave a sharply contrasting view of the United Nations from the criticism and calls for tougher US policies that emerged from the Repub-

lican convention two weeks ago. Clinton administration support for the United Nations is good for the world and "good for America's citizens," she said.

Despite the UN bashing by "US

pundits and talk show hosts," Albright said, public support for the

United Nations is strong.
Nonetheless, she said, the Clinton administration has supported and helped achieve reform at the United Nations, including approval of a no-growth hudget, reductions in the number of UN peacekeepers and a hetter joh of planning and managing peace

Albright defended US reluctance to be tougher on China.

"I am an idealist, but I am a pragmatist," she said when challenged by Canadian and Taiwanese members of the audience to defend the administration's nonconfrontational policy towards China. "Our stakes with China are very large. China is a world power."

In contrast, she called Cuba "an emharrassment to the Western-Hemisphere."

"We deal with China using other methods," she said.

Chicago Seven 'return to scene of the crime' **ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN** 

THE ageing warrinrs whose anti-Vietnam War protests convulsed the Democratic convention in 1968 returned in triumph "to the scene of the crime" yesterday and were welcomed by the mayor

whose father set the police on It was a case of letting bygones be bygones on the eve of the first time in 28 years that the Democrats have dared to hold their national convention in the Midwest's largest city, so brutal was

their reception the last time. Mayor Richard Daley welcomed Tom Hayden, Bubby Seale, David Dellinger and other surviving members of the group

**CHICAGO** known as the Chicago Seven to a three-hour reconciliation rally and songfest where the hit tunes of the protest movement were played by Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne and two-thirds of Cros-

by, Stills and Nash. Moments after the fully clothed cast of Hair sang "This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius," the mayor stepped to a barely lit podium not to offer an apology, but a welcome - something his tough, no-nonsense father would never have done.

"You are welcome today. We can't bring back Martin Luther King Jr. or Bobby Kennedy. We can't change the past, but we can learn from it ... The challenges of today are too great to keep fighting the past," he said, referring to two heroes of the 1960s assassinated in that year, 1968.

The rally was sponsored by the Nation Magazine and the maynr skipped out as quickly and as quictly as he could - long before giant images of police heating demonstrators were shown, long before haughty pictures of his father and Judge Julius Hoffman were shown.

The judge presided over a 51/2 month trial that bordered on farce when it did not actually cross that horder. He ordered Seale, the rapid-speaking founder of the Black Panthers, bound and gagged because he wanted to defend himself and sentenced the other defendants and their lawyers to long prison terms for "contempt of court" because they broke into his comments from the bench and ridi-

culed him. The sentences were later overturned and an official commission accused the Chicago police of staging "a riot" against the protesters.

Chelsea makes political debut

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio (Reuter) - Chelsea Clinton, until now carefully shielded from the exposure of public life, made her political debut on Sunday on her father's whistlestop train trip.

Chelsea, 16, was at President Bill Clinton's side as he rode the rails through parts of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. and was introduced at every stop. She even worked ropelines, shaking hands with excited fans.

Hillary Rodham Clinton saw her husband and daughter off on the trip in Huntington, West Virginia and then went on to Chicago to begin a rigorous Democratic Convention schedule.

Asked if Chelsea would have a White House spokesman Mike McCurry said: "She'll do what she did today when she can. She has to go hack to school."

The president's daughter is going into her senior year of high school at Sidwell Friends School. a private school in Washington.

McCurry said Chelsea has asked to go on the train trip and attend the convention where her father will be renominated, but said her exposure did not signal

the start of a new political career.
Chelsea 'is a very poised young lady, but she's not that much interested in politics," the spokesman said.



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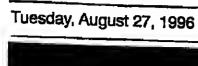


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Former South Korean presidents Chun Doo Hwan (right) and Roh Tae-woo stand to hear their fate at the Seoul court which yesterday sentenced Chun to death and Roh to 221/2 years in prison. See adjacent story.

# Lebed, Chernomyrdin meet, Yeltsin holidays

RUSSIAN security chief Alexander Lehed met Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to discuss peace plans for hreakaway Chechnya vesterday as Russian troops and rebel fighters mixed uneasily in the Chechen capital.

Few details were given of the talks between Chernomyrdin and Lebed, who returned to Moscow from Cheehnya on Sunday saying he needed to seek top-level support for the plans and solve the legal technicalities of a political settlement for the region.

Earlier yesterday, there were reports that President Boris Yeltsin might meet loday with Lebed.

But Yeltsin's office abruptly announced that the ailing leader was oo vacation as of yesterday, casting doubt on a meeting with Lebed and increasing concerns about the president's state of health.

Yeltsin was staying at his Rus country residence, 90 km oortheast of Moscow, said his spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky.

The hrief aooouocement was released at about 7 p.m. yesterday. It gave no further details and Yastrzhembsky refused to elaborate on the length of Yeltsin's vacatioo. Yastrzhembsky said Yeltsin might be meeting with various officials during his absence.

Yastrzliembsky indicated the president will not stay at the Rus for the entire duration of his vacation, saying his time off "has just

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started." Earlier this month, Yeltsin spent two days in the northern region of Valdai on what was described as a pre-vacation trip.

Yeltsio "maintains control over the issues of domestic and international politics. Every day he is receiving from Moscow a large package of documents that demand his involvement," Yastrzhembsky told Russian news ageocies.

However, he "must be given a chance to rest and restore his health after the election campaign," the spokesman added.

Lebed's office said he and Chernomyrdin expressed satisfaction over the ceasefire in Chechnya during a 90-minute meeting.

Lebed also presented proposals for a political agreement for the region, which will be discussed with the rebels when Lebed returns to Chechnya, the agency quoted Lebed's office as adding.

It said the accord is heing scrutinized by legal experts.

A political settlement for the rebel region be the trickiest part of Lebed's peace mission as he has to reconcile rebel demands for total independence with an insistence hy officials in Moscow that the region stay part of Russia.

In the Chechen capital Grozny, a group of

the centre, shared out a watermelon and played with a kitten while a soldier sang songs.

But both sides looked ill at ease in their strange new circumstances, introduced as part of the ceasefire hrokered on Thursday hy Lehed and rehel chief-of-staff Aslan

Some of the hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled Grozny trickled back to see their ruined city, where the truce has largely held.

Grozny was the scene of fierce fighting earlier this month wheo the rebels, seeking to overshadow Yeltsin's inauguration for a second term of office oo August 9, seized much of the capital city three days before.

They still control much of the town and have said they are determined not to give in. Amid the general calm, Interfax news agency said one Russian soldier was shot dead by a sniper and Russian positions came under fire 16 times. A plume of black smoke still huog over the city's oil plaot, set ahlaze in earlier

'This was, perhaps, the quietest night in the last year and a half," Tass quoted an interior ministry spokesman as saying.

Interfax said that at least 450 Russian soldiers had been killed in the August fighting and many were still missing.

# Death for ex-president Chun, Roh gets $22\frac{1}{2}$ years in S. Korean 'trial of century'

A South Korean court sentenced former president Chun Doo Hwan to death yesterday on charges of masterminding a 1979 coup and an army massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators the following year.

Under Korean law, execution is carried out by hanging.

His presidential successor, Roh Tae-woo, was sentenced to 221/2 years in prison for playing a supporting role.

Grim-faced and dressed in hlue cotton prison pyjamas, both were convicted of massive corruption during their 13 years of rule that ended in 1993.

Many Koreans believe current President Kim Young-sam will offer the former generals a

The decision was a resounding condemnation of South Korea's bloody and militaristic past.

A three-judge panel found the two guilty of seizing power in a coup in 1979, then ordering troops to crush a pro-democracy uprising in the southern city of Kwangju six months later.

At least 200 civilians died and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of others were injured.

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Kwangjo was the nadir of 47 years of authoritarian, largely military rule that hegan when South Korea gained its independence with the surrender of Japan at the end of World War II.

The nation got its first civilian president in 32 years with the election in 1992 of Kim Youngsam, who instigated the charges against his military predecessors.

Separarely, nine husiness tycoons - including the chairmen of Samsung and Daewo - were sentenced for bribing Roh. All got jail terms but the sentence on the Samsung chairman was suspended, meaning he will not serve

In all 13 former military colleagues of Chun and Roh were handed jail sentences of four to 10 years in what was dubbed the "trial of the century" that dug up many of the dirtiesr secrets from the era of strongman rule.

Nine one-time aides hodyguards received jail terms on various charges of hrihery, including acting as bagmen for their presi-

The army massacre in the southern city of Kwangju killed about 200 civilians hy official count and crushed democratic opposition to Chun's martial law

Chun and Roh are expected to appeal against the sentences handed down by the Seoul Dis-

trict Criminal Court. "I have a heavy heart," senior judge Kim Young-il told a news

conference after the trial. Presidential aides said ir would be absurd to comment on the possibility of an amnesty before the cases were reviewed hy higher

The case against Chun and Roh turned Korean husiness and politics upside down, spurred by president Kim's campaign to

right the wrongs of history". Women relatives of the Kwangju victims, dressed in mourning white, attacked Roh's son, Jae-hun, as he left the court shonting "Kill the murderer's

Earlier they cheered news of the death sentence, hut some hurst into tears when they heard Roh had escaped death.

# Right wing: France soft on immigrants

PARIS (AP) - Pictures of riot out of St. Bernard Church in police hreaking down the doors of a church to drag away illegal African immigrants may have shocked the world, hat some French think their government wasn't tough enough.

The far-right National Front lashed yesterday at the government of Prime Mioister Alain Juppe for what it called "complete huffconery" in deciding to let some of the 220 undocumented aliens stay after all.

"Does France still have the right to say if it welcomes foreigners?," Froot spokesman Bruoo Gollnisch asked oo RTL radio.

After nearly two months of government threats and hesitatioo, police oo Friday fought their way through a crowd of protesters and hauled the immigrants northern Paris.

Four were deported along with 49 other illegal immigrants the next morning. But the government said up to two-thirds of the group may receive at least temporary res-

leased 51 women and 68 children. A Paris court that has examined 20 cases so far said yesterday that three would be granted papers while the others would still be considered illegal.

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Gollnisch criticized the partial release and said the government had set a precedeot that would allow immigrants to avoid being quickly deported.

"They must be administratively detained and retained until we have organized their expulsion," be said.

The National Front and some memhers of the government's ruling conservative majority have sought to hlame France's crippling 12.5 percent unemployment

on illegal immigration. Though opposition parties and activists have tried to vilify the government for the raid, a new poll showed the French evenly divided over the government's decision to forcibly remove them from the church.

The daily Le Monde said yesterday that 46 percent of respondents approved of the government's action, while 46 percent disapproved. The survey hy Ispsos, conducted for Le Monde and RTL radio also said 67 percent of those polled approved of deporting aodocumented alicos on a case-by-case basis.

# Mother Teresa improves

CALCUTTA (Reuter) - Mother Teresa scribhled short notes to doctors and well-wishers yesterday as she slowly improved in her fight against malaria and a faltering heart, doctors said.

"She is a shade better compared to yesterday," Dr S.K. Sen told reporters at Calcutta's Woodlands Nursing Home where the 85-yearold Catholic nun has been under treatment since last week.

Sen said Mother Teresa, who cannot speak because a tube has been inserted in her throat, was feeling well enough to scribble short letters and answer questions With a gentle wave of her hand

bel Peace Prize in 1979, hlessed a group of visiting nuns from her Missionaries of Charity. Her religious order denied a ru-

Mother Teresa, winner of the No-

mor which swept through Calcutta vesterday that she had died.

Ruthless apartheid killer convicted PRETORIA (Reuter) - A white South African policeman who boasted that he was apartheid's most ruthless killer was fonod guilty of five murders yesterday to become the most senior ser-

vant of white rule yet to face

Eugene de Kock, 48, a former police colonel who commanded a ruthless hit-squad unit that killed opponents of apartheid, was found guilty of killing five black men including Tiso Lehallo, a driver of Winnie Mandela, in

His trial began shortly after President Nelson Mandela's election in April 1994 and revealed the depth of the ousted government's "Third Force" dirty tricks

operation. Pretoria Supreme Court Judge Willem van der Merwe, who was aided throughout the two-year trial by two lay assessors, began his judgment by outlining the state's evidence against de Kock

before ruling: "There is no doubt ... A guilty finding must follow." Van der Merwe said he would pronouoce his verdict oo three further murder charges and on numerous other counts of fraud, theft and attempted murder

South Africa abolished the death penalty in June 1995, and the former colooel faces life imprisonment - commonly 25 years - on each murder charge. No date has been set for sentencing.

De Kock had earlier in the case admitted to involvement in the murders of four men in a vehicle ambush in March 26, 1992, and to ordering the murder of Leballo a few days later. He had pleaded not guilty but even his own lawvers - before the trial was over said the evidence against him was

"De Kock's plea is not guilty hut we conceded on the state's evidence that he might be guilty of at least five of the eight murder charges," defense attorney Schalk Hugo told Reuters.

A neatly-suited de Kock was relaxed throughout the first day of the judgment, calmly taking copious notes of the judge's findings and laughing with his lawyers

during the court breaks.

The trial has been one of the country's longest, with 92 witoesses called, 12,000 pages of evidence and 3,000 exhibits. It has provided a litany of the death and mavhem which formed part of the "old" South Africa.

The accusations included massacres and random killings, attacks on township hostels and trains, car hombings, tortnre, beatings and vendettas against fellow police. Asked by lawyers at another

trial, where he gave evidence, if he agreed he was the security forces' "most effective assassin' de Kock answered: "Yes, I would say that would be correct.' That testimony helped convict

three former colleagues in June of a bloody 1989 car-hombing and won him indemnity from prosecution for that trial. He has now applied to Arch-

hishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission for his own trial, requesting the amnesty it has the power to grant to those who committed human rights abuses but came clean.

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# Charles under fire over 'Queen Camilla'

LONDON (Renter) - British heir to the throne Prince Charles found himself under attack yesterday as speculation mounted that he might try to win over a hostile public and marry his long-term mistress. Two days before his divorce from Princess Diana

becomes final, Charles was criticized by church lead-

ers and parliamentarians who saw he has no inten-

tion of ending his 26-year love affair with Camilla Parker Bowles. Publication yesterday of a picture of him spending the weekend with Parker Bowles and two other friends re-kindled speculation that he may try to

persuade Britons to accept his mistress. "It is safe to say that for the time being, and perhaps for several years ahead, such a marriage would not be acceptable," said constitutional expert Lord Blake

"The real difficulty is that the concept of Queen Camilla will take a long time to seem right or proper to o large part of the nation which is still very sharply divided in its attitude to Princess Diana," Blake

Charles said last year when Parker Bowles herself was divorced that he had no intention of marrying again. But yesterday hookmakers William Hill slashed the odds oo re-marriage before the year 2000 to 2/1 from 5/L

Charles's relationship with Parker Bowles, 49, has dismayed many Britons who cannot understand how he could prefer the older, frumpy blonde to the glamorous, fashion-conscious Diana.

His standing as future king slumped in 1993 after publication of an phone conversation allegedly between the lovers in which Charles declared a wish to live inside Parker Bowles' trouser and be reincarnated as a tampon. Charles, 47, first met Parker Bowles in 1970 and

according to tabloid press reports has thrown him-

self back into the relationship since starting divorce proceedings from Diana. He is recently said to have bought her a diamond ring, a horse and sent her daily bunches of red roses. Despite the obstacle of replacing Diana with Ca-

milla, Charles as king would also be supreme governor of the Church of England, which frowns upon the re-marriage of divorcees. A Sunday Telegraph survey showed bishops were strongly against against Charles re-marrying, believ-

ing it would be difficult for Christians to tolerate. "Many Christians feel that a marriage once made cannot be ended, so remarriage is not possible. It would cause considerable unhappiness and hring tensions to the surface," said Bishop of Manchester Christopher Mayfield.

The Sun oewapaper yesterday said Camilla's loyalty and discretion - she has turned down hoge offers for her story - had earned her the right to be queen. But the newspaper said it was too soon for Charles

to "flaunt" Camilia. "Britain is not ready for Camil-

la stepping out on Charles's arm. In five years,

maybe 10, it may be a different story.

German court sentences neo-Nazi

ERFURT (AP) - One of Germany's most notorious neo-Nazis had his prison seotence extended yesterday wheo a court found him guilty of disturbing public peace, adding to a previous conviction.

Thomas Diecel, 35, already had served 26 months in prison after appearing in a film broadcast on television, in which he claimed to be training armed groups to attack foreigners and their homes.

A court in Erfurt yesterday handed down a cumulative sentence of of three years and three months, meaning that Dienel will have to return to prison.

Yesterday's conviction also stemmed from a 1992 broadcastio which Dienel boasted of heading an armed group training to attack not only foreigners, but leftists as well. Dienel also is a ootorious Holocaust denier,

Meanwhile, police in Stendal, eastern Germany, announced the arrests of four rightist extremists aged between 15 and 23.



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# National seismograph

RESIDENT Ezer Weizman, to hia great credit, firmly believes he must be the president of all the people. In this capacity, he has frequently served as an advocate for the "forgotten other half" in the halls of power.

Under the previous government, for instance, Weizman repeatedly called for the peace process to be slowed down or even halted temporarily, even though he himself wholeheartedly supported it. The government, he said, was going too fast for the people; for the sake of national unity, it would be better to slow down the process and wait for the people to catch up with it. He perfectly expressed the national mood when he refused to accept a telephone call from Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat hours after a bus hombing.

This week, Weizman began to serve as a gadfly on behalf of the new "other half" - the half of the population who favor the Oslo process, and who are concerned that it is grinding to a halt under the new government.

Such presidential advocacy is legitimate, just as it was under the Labor government. As former president Chaim Herzog noted, one of the roles of the president is to act as the "national seismograph.

However, the president must be careful not to cross the narrow line that separates his legitimate role - serving as the voice of those who feel disenfranchised - from unacceptable interference in the country's diplomatic affairs. Running the country's foreign policy is the sole prerogative of the government. The president has no right whatsoever to get involved in matters of policy, however unhappy he may be with the government's conduct.

Weizman denies press reports charging that he intends to meet Arafat with or without Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's consent reports which, had they been true, would certainly have constituted a crossing of this line. Given Weizman's record over the past four years, there is no reason to doubt him on this.

"I'm not a child, that I would say such a thing

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

to the prime minister," he snapped in his inimitable fashion, when asked at a press conference on Sunday whether he had really told Netanyahu he would meet Arafat without the prime minister's consent unless Netanyahu agreed to meet Arafat instead.

Indeed, Weizman stressed at the press confereoce that any meeting between himself and Arafat would be set up only in coordination with Netanyahu's office, and that it would take place only at a time approved by the prime minister. This, of course, is as it should be. No government could conduct a coherent foreign policy if the president were to hold diplomatic meetings in hlithe disregard of its wishes.

However, Weizman must be very careful to preserve the appearance as well as the reality of his non-involvement as an independent player in the diplomatic process. First and foremost. this means making it clear to Arafat that the president is not a back door to the Prime Minister's Office.

In the letter he sent to Weizman requesting the meeting, Arafat asked Weizman to get involved in an effort "to save the peace process from the difficulties into which it has fallen." Weizman should have responded to this letter with a polite but firm "no."

For the president to meet with Arafat, with government approval, is unexceptionable. However, it is not his job to help Arafat "save the peace process" - especially when Arafat's notions of what this entails are in radical opposition to the government's stress on reciprocity and Palestinian compliance.

Arafat must be made to understand that the only route to a resumption of the negotiations lies through the Prime Minister's Office, By agreeing to meet with Arafat under the terms of his letter. Weizman is allowing the PA chief to maintain the illusion that he can circumvent Netanyahu. However unintentionally, the president is thereby crossing the forbidden line into interference with the government's conduct of foreign affairs.

## CYPRUS VIOLENCE

RELIGIOUS MORALITY Sir, - On Kohi Medan's TV ioter-iew program of August 13, Chief yond anything comparable to that of individuals, even political figures, in ground to the recent outbreak of the rest of our society? The facts on the ground imply that either societal morality is not on their agenda or that, God forbid, they support such behavior. In either case, what is the justification for national financial support? Neither did Rabhi Lau identify

with the ugly behavior of the religious community we are so often forced to witness. He referred us to the many books and writings of our sages for the true picture of Judaism. Bul aren't the observant steeped in these same sources? Do they not spend their lives studying and memorizing them? Is this only to be able to quote from them, hut not necessarily live hy them? They apparently no longer serve as an inspiration. What benefit then does our Chief Rabbi expect would derive from their study by the rest of society, as he recommends?

L.M. SHORR

#### position in their congregations be-DANGEROUS LIES

Sir, - In a recent Yaron London program on TV Channel 2, MK Taleb A-Sanaa claimed that the Arabs of Eretz-Israel are descended from the ancient Canaanites, the early inhahitants of Eretz-Israel. And later. Channel 1 broadcast various deeds performed by our Arab neighbors at Sebastia, in Samaria, to demonstrate their descent from the Canaanites.

view program of August 13, Chief

Rabbi Lau once more showed him-

self to be a gentle, moderate and

considerate religious leader. How-

ever, his responses to questions in

regard to the disinlegraling relation-

ship between our religious and lay

societies did little to dispel the feel-

ing that the former is nothing more

than a negative, self-serving burden

Rabbi Lau reminded us of his

pleas for moderation in the hate

campaign which preceded Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rahin's murder.

However, in defense of the inaction

of the religious leadership as a

whole both before and after the mur-

der, he could only note that this was

also characteristic throughout the

country. But aren't the thousands of

rabhis our yeshivas produce sup-

posed to be the teachers of morality,

the leaders, the models? They also

have the agency for effective action;

do they not enjoy a commanding

on the country.

Many of the Arabs living in Eretz-Israel are the children and grandchildren of migrants from Syria and other Arab lands, who were attracted to this part of the world some one hundred years ago by the economic prosperity which resulted from the arrival of the first Zionists. Others are not Arabs at all, but rather the descendants of Armenians and other Caucasians who came here in the past for various reasons. And still others are the descendants of Jews who were forced in convert to thus evident that this new claim is ridiculous, and we are subjected to it only in order to provide the Arabs of Eretz-Israel with that which they lack so severely - roots in our land.

Our smile gets hroader when we recall another, earlier claim of theirs - that they view themselves as Arabs, descended from Ishmael, the brother of Isaac and the son of Abraham and Hagar. It is beyond my understanding just how they can be related both to Ishmael and to the Canaanites - at the very same time.

However, as we Jews well know, if a lie is repeated over and over again, it is eventually accepted as the truth. We saw this with the Nazis and later, with Holocaust-deniers the world over.

We must stop this nonsensical lie before it goes any further.

ESTHER ABUTBOUL

Jerualem.

Islam a few generations ago. It is TO FEAR Sir. - In The Jerusalem Post of August 14, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani is quoted as saying that "Our main problem is the Israeli driver... to my sorrow, he doesn't fear the police or anyone else." The reason for this is that

there is not much to fear. The Israeli driver has learned that he can speed at 120 km. per hour or more from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and will virtually never be stopped by a police car. He has learned that there is virtually no enforcement of the law when it comes to tailgaiting. speeding, passing dangerously, etc. I witness many of these violations al-

most every time I get on the road, but I rarely see any police stopping

What is needed is not more quotes by our minister so that he can see his name in the newspaper, but lots of serious traffic enforcement. If hundreds of fines were given out every day on the roads of Israel, then Israeli drivers would learn that the police are finally serious about comhating the number one killer in Israel. In the meantime, the average Israeli driver will continue to have

RONALD KRONISH

violence in Cyprus, your editorial of August 18 noted – and sympathized with - the Greek Cypriots' frustration over the international community's failure to bring any pressure to bear which would end the 22-year old Turkish occupation of North Cyprus: "It is hardly surprising that the anger of Greek Cypriots and their supporters boils over occasionally in demonstrations on the island. Neither is it surprising that the Turks react with the savagery typical of their traditional handling of Cyprus." If you exchange in this account the words "Greek Cypriots" for "Palestinians" and "Turks" for "Israelis," the result will be a description of the intifada outbreak the kind of description which was

denounced as "antisemitic" and worse in David Bar-Illan's celehrated Eve on the Media.

A more sober news item published in the same issue of The Jerusalem Post describes the Cyprus events as follows: "Greek Cypriot protesters stormed into the buffer zone and threw stones at the Turkish security forces, who responded with gunfire." If, in The Jerusalem Post's view, the Turkish forces' conduct constitutes "typical savagery," what does this judgment imply for the IDF, whose soldiers' similar conduct on numerous occasions resulted in more than a thousand Palestinian fatalities, including many

ADAM KELLER

# BRILLIANT IDEA

Sir, - Sometimes I find it hard to agree with the views of Mayor Ehud Olmert, but this time I think his idea of building a tunnel under Bar-Ilan Street is a truly brilliant one. And I even have a suggestion how to finance the project said to cost \$17 million.

Since the whole issue of closing the street originales with and is to the benefit of the haredim, they and only they are the ones who should foot the bill. From the extremely generous budget allocations they are already getting this year and will continue to get during the years that the project would be carried out, there should be no problem to take off the funds needed to satisfy their - and only their - demand. I, as a person already heavily taxed in this city, among others with a horrendously and unjustifiably high arnona hill, would certainly not be willing to foot the bill, and t am sure that I am not alone in this. So, if they want a tunnel to run under a carless Bar Han Street, let them finance the construction of one.

ANNA LEVIN Jerusalem.



bould the shekel collapse like the Mexican peso, the disaster will be due to the failure of our economic establishment to recognize reality (perhaps because it pays for them not to). On the eve of the Yom Kippur

War, our ruling elite stuck to a faulty military pre-conception. Today, our economic leaders hold faulty economic pre-conceptions, subscribing to illusions and lies that distort reality. Today as then, too many of them have a vested interest in preserving our sick system, and so chances of economic reform are dim. Economic catastrophe cannot inflict casualties as war does. But the ruin it can visit on many of the most vulnerable in society will be great and can pose a danger to Israel's already brittle democracy.

A good example of the prevalence of illusions and distortions is the privatization issue. Privatization enhances efficiency through greater competition in a free and private market. Better use of resources benefits all, hut mostly workers whose employment chances and wages increase. To achieve such results in Israel, we must first have a truly private, competitive sector. But we

The Israeli economy is rife with monopolies, conglomerates governed by political operatives and entry barriers. Its concentration of economic power is without parallel in any Western country, with one bank alone, Hapoalim, controlling the "competition" between our banks, where, miraculously most charges are almost identical, without of course, being fixed (just like there was no fixing of prices by insurance companies.)

Because reward is not determined by productivity, but hy political arrangements, Israeli workers naturally are fearful of losing their political clout which helps fix their wages (as in our electric corporation). The Histadrut - long corrupted by the dangerous combination of political power and economic clout has the nerve to exploit the workers' worries about privatization to undermine any reform that will

# DANIEL DORON

weaken its corrupt stranglehold. True, privatization justly acquired a bad name when it served as a device for transferring public assets ro politically well-connected investors and their foreign allies who have never invested a dollar in these transactions, but received generous loans from Israeli banks, managed by the same oligarchy. .

Privatization's Orwellian meaning here enables ambitious and populist politicians like Labor's Shlomo Ben-Ami to avoid a rational discussion and to engage instead in name-

#### Monetary policy alone cannot curb inflation

calling in the good old Bolshevik style, calling it "rapacious capital-"dogmatic liberalism," etc. Ben-Ami and his ilk are trying to build a constituency by inciting against reforms which will mostly benefit workers.

PROMOTING UNREALISTIC preconceptions has become prevalent not only among politicians, but also among our movers and shakers. Take, for example, the great war over interest rates, which the media would have us believe will deter-40 percent of all financial assets. mine our economy's destiny. claim that with such a disastrous government deficit, only high interest rates can curb inflation.

In principle, they are right. But in Israel, where over half our GNP is traded, and where high interest rates created a huge influx of hot money into Israel, which the Bank of Israel must convert into shekels, monetary policy alone cannot curb inflation.

The effort to keep the shekel's fluctuations within a downward sliding band can not long succeed in these circumstances. Should the band be breached, the consequences can be a peso-like collapse of the

The fight over interest rates helps

#### distract attention from our economy's cardinal problem: its inability to increase productivity in generate true growth. It stems from its distorted structure, which our econom-

ic leaders usually exploit. Those who warn against high interest rates, in the name of the common good, were curiously silent when the former government created a disastrous deficit and arranged a pension fund bailout that will surely finally ruin our ailing financial markets.

Israelis do not expect much from politicians and economic leaders. But the plague of illusions and lies has also afflicted our civil service, which is supposed to be above political considerations.

Our civil service has many devoted and capable people. But it seems that the tremendous power entrusted to them at a very early age and the ethos to which they subscribe have gone to their heads. They are convinced that they can fine-tune the economy, that they know better than anyone what the "public interest" is, and that it is their mission to improve society and make it more just hy administrative means. They don't really believe in market forces, and try to "improve" or correct them at almost any cost. They are reluctant, therefore, to implement reforms that threaten their control, and they always find excuses to postpone them, or to make them so "perfect" that they become meaningless.

Since most of our technocrats retire early, with generous pensions, seeking lucrative employment in the private and pseudo-private sector, reform cut this sector much.

It is also worth noting that no central bank governor or top Treasury official has ever admitted error or taken responsibility for the failures that happened on their watch.

After almost 50 years with our best and brightest in almost total control of the economy, and after Israel has enjoyed unequaled foreign aid, the Israeli worker must make do with a measty \$1,500 average monthly salary, and Israel places 70th in the World Index of Economic Freedom, lower than Pakistan.

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# Smiley's message

SHLOMO GAZIT

few days ago I reread John Le Carre's The Secret Pilgrim, which was published in 1991. Coming to the last pages, I found Smiley's parting message, speaking to a class of young freshmen at the school of the British secret service. I could not help making a comparison and analogy with his words and our Middle Eastern reality.

We are presently in the process of resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict, which is now 100 years old. In our case, as in the Soviet example which Smiley addressed, the political solution rests with man, and not through an ideological change in one side or the other.

We see a fascinating similarity between the average Arah and the average Israeli; both are sick and tired of the ongoing, senseless atruggle, of the heavy economic burden and painful hloodshed of conflict. The new set of personal priorities for both Israeli and Arah includes normalization, and a clear improvement in the individual's quality of life and standard of living, even if the price for this ia political and ideological

compromise. Just as Smiley asked whether he could trust the Russians, we too keep asking the same intriguing question - can we trust the Araba, our enemies of yesterday? And again, in the words of Smiley, my first answer is no.

We shall never trust the Arabs, and I have two good reasons for saying so. My first is that I simply cannot believe that at the drop of a hat, from one day to the next, all the very valid arguments that have fed Arab hatred and political denial of Israel will disappear.

Israel was regarded as an alien element in an Arah-Islamic Middle East, And, as long as the Arahs have not reached political and social stahility, we may face drastic change in the policies or ideology of one or another of our Arab neighbors from one day to the next.

It is our responsibility, we of the Israeli intelligence community, to safeguard national security. If we fail, if we fail to closely monitor the possibility of an Arab military threat, we shall be responsible for a total-

ly impermissible negligence. We shall be like the "watching and [did not] blow the trumpet, and the people were not warned ... his blood will [the Lord] require at the watchman's hand." (Ezekiel 33.6)

## Yes, we can trust the Arabs. They are seeking peace

OUR SECOND answer, very much like Smiley's, is: Yes, we can trust the Arabs. They are seeking peace, not because they have fallen in love with Israel; peace has become an existential need for them. And peace with Israel will allow them to initiate a new and different agenda. They want and need peace with Israel to enjoy Israeli assistance in overcoming their own prob-

The future Arah attitude toward Israel will very much depend on the kind of treatment they receive from us. It is our duty to help them for two reasons.

The first is common decency. After 100 years of animosity and painful wara, after 30 years of an imposed Israeli military government on two million Palestinians, the least we can do for them is offer the means that will help them find their place in the world of tomorrow.

The second is ohvious. The Middle East spreads over an enormous area. We are dealing with an Arah population which is numbering some 200 million people. We shouldn't ignore this enormous potential. We bave to choose between the Arah Middle East, with all its military might, aa a hateful enemy, and a sincere attempt to integrate into this area, making it an active member in our modern and changing world.

Thus we shall have to adjust our military power, and the modern and forceful state which we have huilt over the last 50 years, to the new challenges of the future. Israel had to give up too many liberties to survive as a sovereign state. It is time we retrieved these liber-

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# The proper size of government

The Dole tax cut is being both promoted (by believers) and dismissed (by skeptics) as a supply-side tax cut. That means that it is expected to pay for itself. Cutting marginal tax rates is supposed to unleash such economic growth that it ends up bringing the taxman even more revenue at lower rates..

I'm sure Jack Kemp believes this. I doubt Bob Dole does. I know 1 don't. Yet I think the Dole tax package is a splendid idea. You don't have to be a supply-sider to like tax cuts. Here's wby.

First, cutting taxes is the only certain answer to the bedeviling problem of wage stagnation. There is no other good answer because no one knows the cause. A tax cut obviously does not

solve the stagnant wage problem. It simply counteracts it, immediately, by instantly increasing disposable income. And hy immediately addressing the wage issue, it also addresses the collateral social problem: the time squeeze on families. If your wages are not keeping up with the cost of living, you and your spouse must spend more time working, leaving less time for what's important. Americans on average pay the government, at all levels, 3g cents

of every dollar earned in taxes. In some two-worker families, therefore, most of the earnings of the second worker, often a part-timer, essentially go to paying off taxes. In his acceptance speech in San Diego, Bob Dole pointed out that Americans work from January to May to pay the government, and only then are they free to work for themselves. It is a correct analogy, but a more striking image is this; The average American working 9 to 5 spends from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER**

working for the government. Three hours of indentured service every day. Slashing taxes is a way of giving part of those three hours back to you, either in cash or free time.

That in itself is good. But good things cost. Non-supply-siders like me are willing to acknowledge that. But we firmly maintain that cutting government spending and with it government size, power, and intrusiveness is itself a

#### A tax cut is the most direct way to force a debate about the welfare state

good, indeed that it constitutes the second great attraction of cutting taxes. The beauty of a tax cut is that, hy starving the beast, it forces the issue of government size and spending.

A SUPPLY-SIDER like Kemp doesn't lonk at a tax cut in this way. He believes that it will pay for itself - and even if it doesn't. that deficits don't count Luckily, however, we'd be electing Bob Dole president. He plays Yitzhak Rahin, hardheaded veteran, to Kemp's Shimon Peres, dreamer. Dole, now Kempified, must cut taxes. Dole, being Dole, will cut

Will that involve shaving Medicare and perhaps social security increases? Probably, Will

Dole admit to that during the campaign? No. Why should he? Everyone knows what has to be done with Medicare and social security, including President Clinton. In his own health-care plan, Clinton envisioned a small cut in rate of growth in Medicare funding. The Republicans proposed a slightly larger one. For that, Clinton pilloried them with great political success.

Why should the Republicans

immolate themselves twice in one year before a cynical opponent who believes as they do about Medicare hut says the opposite? The chief philosophical difference between the two parties centers on their respective views of the proper size and role of the

government. A tax cut is the most direct and serious way to force a debate about the size, structure, and function of the welfare state. It is also the most politically prudent. As the Republican 104th Congress learned to its chagrin in the great budget showdown, starting with spending cuts invites charges of heartlessness. Dole is offering the opposite tack, whittling away at the state by first cutting back its

Sustenance. The attractiveness of his offer lies in this: A tax cut enacted by a lifelong budget balancer carries a fairly good guarantee that apending cuts will follow. After Clinton's successful demolition of the Republican Congress for having dared broach the issue, a President Dole - pledged to a tax cut and playing to posterity - may be the only man who could yet do what everyone, including Clinton, knows has to be done.

(Washington Post Writers

Five dancers

and a duck

HELEN KAYE

As in her 1994 parody of beauty

Collections "because I can't show

people without laughter, without

than one faces to a perception. The

sizes and abilities "because that's

how people are, and that's what I

wanted." She has five women and

two men, neither of whom are

dancers. Adrian Schwartzstein is

hasically an actor and Zohar

Markman is a martial arts expert

and a fire juggler. The women range from dance students to pro-

As for herself, Friedland at 43 is

still a willowy sylph. Arriving from her native South Africa she quickly made a name for herself as

me to discover my own dance lan-guage, and making me aware of the drama of dance."

In 1985 she won a David's Lyre as dancer of the year and three years ago, in addition to her well

received solo Recital, she won

first prize at the International

Video Dance Competition in

France for Conversations in the

First Person, Since then she has

rock without once ever sounding generic.

All that changed in 1989 with the mega-

success of Petty's first solo album, "Full Moon Fever", by far the most pop-oriented

release of his career. That trend continued

with the next band release "Into the Great Wide Open". "Wildflowers", his second

solo album released in 1994, saw Petty tone

down the sound and the tempos, with a

One constant throughout his career has

been the level of the songwriting. Petty could probably write hit songs in his sleep,

and this talent, combined with one of the

best ensembles in rock, has produced con-

sisteotly excellent work over a 20 year span.

This tradition is kept intact on "Sbc's The

One". By the looks of the pictures on the

cover, the film appears to be a yuppic romantic comedy geared to the Seinfeld-Friends crowd. However Petty and compa-

ny leave all that behind and do what they do

see Verona as the center of modem opera and poetry in the world.

traditional Verdi, Rossini and Puccini, hut something oew and

different too.

tence.

"Yes, modern opera, not just

The major question asked in

Verona was whether opera as a

genre still has a right to exist at

the end of the 20th century," said

Eliraz. "And among us it was

very clear that we should discuss

how much opera as an art form

still wants, and then actually can

continue its so called traditional,

or maybe not-so-tradinooal exis-

tution is to create the right envi-

ronment for musicians and poets

to write new operas and carry the

tradition ioto the 21st century.

"Both the institution and the city

will enable the creation of a stu-

dio to which composers, poets

and theater folk from all over the

world will be invited so that they

will be able to create new works

that will he presented in a special festival in Verona, which will not

be part of the familiar summer festival."

A special artistic committee will choose the specific projects

and will invite the creators to

Verona to finalize their work each

year. "In this way it will be possi-

The main goal of the new insti-

An Israeli gentleman in Verona

folky, melancholy batch of songs.

fessionals.

THERE'S something about

they have any deep psychological significance. That isn't Friedland.

They're "a trinket, a charm and

people can think what they like,"

says the dancer-choreographer, of the wheeled duck that trundles

across the stage io Collections which opens at the Suzanne Dellal

Center in Tel Aviv on September

As well as ducks, there are

apples, trees, lettuces, women and

fire. Fire begins and almost ends

the piece which journeys through a woman's life, with stops along

the way for childhood, growing up

and out, courtship, dreams, dis-

coveries, encounters and failure,

always the failure from which you

have to pick yourself up, and go

The name comes from the ideas

"I've been collecting ever since I arrived here in 1976, hut now

seemed the right time to do the dance. I had ideas of what I want-

ed to say, hur I had no idea that

what would connect it all would

be a gender issue. That came out

She grins, mischievously.

"We're two sexes after all. We can

be perfectly happy, independent

women, hut when a man shows

that he likes us, or we like him, the

balance changes. That's all there is

really. The rest is games and

intrigue. What fascinates me is the

simple, and then what we do to

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Just 16 tracks (two performed twice in

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And the news gets even better, Petty manages to synthesize the styles of his last few records into a cohesive whole, that trim the

flab and accentuate the strengths of this vet-

Petty & the Heartbreakers forged a power-

ful sound that captured a solid following

among followers of Springsteen/Seger-style

meat and potatoes rock & roll. Drawing on

Anglo-rock, new wave and r&h infloences,

they played meaningful mainstream guitar

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

OET and opera librettist Israel Eliraz spent the first

- the summer Mecca of opera

the place where the greatest

singers and conductors gather in

order to perform the staple 19th

century operatic repertoire in the

glorious open-air arena. But

although Eliraz did manage to see

the opening eight of Franco

Zeffirelli's production of Carmen

conducted by Israeli maestro

Daniel Oren, that was oot the

Eliraz was invited to come to

Verona hy Federico Mayor, the

director general of UNESCO.

Eliraz together with 19 other

poets and 20 musicians were in Verona to inaugurate the International Institution for

Opera and Poetry. After his return

Eliraz recalled that "it was a very

special experience to spend three

days io Verona, a city which breathes opera 24 hours a day."

The mayor of the city is doing all she can to develop the city and she is very interested in this new institution. She helped consider-

ably in creating the political, eco-

nomic and budgetary necessities

for the institution. She wants to

main reason for his visit,

lovers from all over the world,

few days of July m Verona

Over a 13 year period beginning in 1976,

filler and dialogue sound bites.

and his equally masterful band.

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ESPITE its being labeled a sound-

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Marc Verter was too jumpy when playing fast movements from Bartok's Suite op. 14. Renana Gutman had problems when playing the first movement from Chopin's First Piano Concerto although she is an able musician. And even Mexico's Alejandro Vela - the best and most mature pianist on hand - suffered in the opening and closing movements of Shostakovich's First

Piano Concerto. Bot he showed real dramatic and musical presence throughout and although not mature enough for such a powerful opus. Vela suggested that here is pianist one would like to hear

Most intriguing was Finland's Mirka Vitala, who played the second movement from Chopin's First Piano Concerto with grace, oobility and clan, showcasing a mature reading of the score.

But once she moved to the third, faster movement, she banged too much on the piano and forgot the

real style of the piece.

phrenic playing suggested uncontrolled nerves as well as a problem in generating an overall concept for the concerto.

Israel Eliraz: Looking to

ble to build a new operatic reper-

THE MEETINGS in Verona were

the first necessary step in the long

road to the actual opening of the

institution. Eliraz believes "that

within a year, all the economical

frameworks will be set and the new institution will be able to

function on a regular basis. Until

then a steering committee will

decide about the various artistic

opera's future.

The concert could have been a much more fessive occasion had it been played in a hall that is better suited to classical music and not at the Suzanne Dellai Center, where

Neither was the Ashdod The musicians played in a very sloppy manner and Gorelik did not manage to really accompany the young planists, who at this point need as much help from the man

on the podium as possible.

Suzanne Dellal Center, Tel Aviv.



The characters in 'Collections' are willowy sylphs.

hriefly two years ago when Aida came to the Israel Festival, but "I stopped because I needed to look in other directions."

Her first, and successful, chore-

**DAVID BRINN** 

graphed movement for the New Israeli Opera, and created Little Boxes for a Ukrainian youth group. She also began to study Judaism, is still learning and hasically disappeared from the ography was the 1990 19 Dov believes "that I couldn't have cre- or 'stop trying to stage as a performer. She danced Hoz. Since then she has choreo- ated this program if I hadn't taken Just say it cleanly.'

Produced by Rick Ruhin, who also han-

dled the reins for "Wildflowers", "She's the

One" contains the pop of "Full Moon Fever", the folk of "Wildflower" and the

grittiness of the early Hearthreakers. The

disk's (and the films') centerpiece "Walls",

is given two treatments - a produced ver-

sion subtitled "Circus" and and a rougher

Both display the sheer professionalism and record making machine that Petty has evolved into, while still capturing the raw

emotion of his earlier work. The other song

performed twice, "Angel Dream" is one of

the pretriest acoustic tunes Petty has ever

There are a few songs that seem pieced

together or less than inspired, like "Zero from Outer Space" and "Climh That Hill"

whose melancholy tone slips into listless-

oess. However, those are the exceptions on

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ways in which the institution

should operate. The steering com-

mittee will be headed by Daniel

Oren. He was unanimously cho-

sen, everybody adores him in

Another important part of the

According to Eliraz, Every

new institution will concentrate

work written in a language which

is oot spoken worldwide will be

immediately translated by profes-

sionals who will be invited to

Verona where they will work with

"Language will oot be a barrier

in taking opera to the oext centu-

ry." Apart from that, the institu-

tion will also have its own video

library io which anyone interest-

ed will be able to fiod all relevant

material about opera in the 20th

Among the opera people invited to take part in the initial meetings in Verooa were Oren, Zeffirelli,

Gianfranco De Bosio (the artistic

director of the Arena di Verona),

and soprano Cecilia Gasdia who

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recently sang in Israel.

take called "No. 3".

this time out for myself." She's been working on the piece for six months, and "every time I got stuck I had conversations with myself, like 'what do you want?' or 'stop trying to be interesting.

Pretty Petty still raw and emotional

A special treat is a song called "Hung Up

and Overdue" which perhaps, in tribute to

guest drummer Ringo Starr, is a dead ringer

for a Beatles track, and far better than either

SUMMERTIME BLUES

of the two Fah Four creations they released

The August drought in new releases has hit this column hard. One industry insider explained that record companies usually pass over August because many people vacation in the summer, hear songs in the discos and clubs and go home to search out that material: Thus, releasing anything new in August would mean competing against themselves for sales.

However, following a summer filled with monotonous dance tracks, neo-60s and 70s wanna-bees and disposable pop, the compa-nies are readying their big guns for fall releases. Expect in the next few weeks, new albums by R.E.M. Pearl Jam, Suede, Nirvana (live), and Counting Crows. what is on the whole, an immensely enjoy-able disk, and one that any Petty fan should

# **Contest for**

singers MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

young opera

N 1994, renowned tenor Placido Domingo embarked on a new venture, an opera singers' competitioo carrying his name. The first competition emitled Operalia, World Opera Contest Placido Domingo, took place in Mexico City, and last year's event was hosted in Madrid. The third Operalia will take place at the end of the year in Bordeaux.

Operalia is open to singers younger than 33. The best 40 applications will be invited to Bordeaux to participate in the final stages of the competition, which will be divided into three parts.

The selected singers will perform two arias accompanied by piano. The jury, headed by Domingo himself, will then select about 20 singers to continue one stage further when again they will have to sing two more arias, accompanied by piano. In the final stage, 10 singers will perform with the National Orchestra Bordeaux. Prize money totals

# Russian romanticism meets local pop

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

millions of dollars a year, but rather the three blue and white tenors. Two: Dudu Fisher and Gabi Sade, have impressive international careers. The third onc. Evgeny Shapovalov is only just embarking on his yellow brick road to success. And these days, Shapovalov, who last summer appeared in front of thousands of Israelis in our own version of the Three Tenors, is releasing his first solo disc. And it is not opera arias, quite the contrary. It is a disc of popular Russian romances sung in Hebrew and a few Israeli songs.

Why would a tenor who immigrated to Israel from the former Soviet Union five years ago record Russian songs in Hebrew? Shapovalov has a very clear and obvious answer. "If I sing in Russian only Russians will enjoy it. And as I now understand the words in Hebrew and can sing decently in the language there is no reason to record it in the original. This is a disc for a much wider audience." That said, the 28 year old tenor also contemplates doing another disc, this time in

Shapovalov has been working on the disc for almost four years. "Soon after I came to Israel, I got these songs translated into Hebrew hy Avi Amon. But I really didn't understand the language at all, so there was no point io singing them at the time." The reason for the new disc, titled Mists of Love, is to show that opera singers can sing in varioos styles. I'm not trying to sing this like an opera singer, quite the con-trary. I'm singing it just as I feel these songs in my heart."

Shapovalov recalls that when he started to listen to music in his oew home be realized that Eastern music and Israeli popular music are very similar to the music I knew from my homeland.
When I came bere, I lived in
Maale Gamla hy the Kinneret, and the very first song I actually heard here was Rachel's Ve'ulai ("Could It Be").

"At once, I realized that there is a lot of connectioo between these 150 year old Russian romances and the music of Israel. And after all, Rachel and Yehuda Sharret who compose the song, were originally from Russia. And it is obvi-

Although Shapovalov admits Aviv, on September 5 in Zavta.

EMEMBER the three that he himself is never happy tenors? No, not those three Latin superstars who make that the new disc "is definitely a that the new disc "is definitely a milestone. It is a kind of a beginning. Obviously by now I already sing those songs better than on the disc, but that is natural." And, he adds that "I have many ideas to continue in this way, I really like to sing in the style." Shapovalled actually sings in many so called "popular" styles, he has even performed with rock group Ethnix.

At the same time he also sings minor and major roles in operas in Italian and Czech. The new disc features fourteen numbers. Most are the Russian romances "which were very popular at the time and sung hy everyone in salons and on other social occasions." And then there are a few Israeli songs hy the likes of Yaacov Shahtai, Ahraham Shlonski and others. And of course Ve'ulai, the only item on the disc recorded four

In order to launch the new disc. Shapovalov embarks on a series of local concerts. The second part of the concert will focus on material from the disc with a little hit more Russian and Israeli songs like, for example, songs hy Aviv Gefen -whom I admire. Actually I think Gefen and Arkadi Duchin are the two greatest composers we have bere. They are very different, hut both are great. I believe Duchin is our new Sasha Argov."

The first part of the concert will be more classically-oriented featuring Neapolitan songs, opera arias and selections from musicals. Shapovalov will be joined by soprano Larisa Tatuev and accomsoprano Larisa Tatuev and accompanied by a quartet comprising of piano and three violios. "Everybody will find something he likes in the program, It's just like the Three Tenors concerts, it's a show with various styles which is appealing to all musical tastes."

is appealing to all musical tastes." Evgeoy Shapovalov closes a very important circle this coming Saturday as be performs in Beit Gabriel by the Kinneret.

Five years ago, he gave his very first coocert in Israel by the Kinneret, with Sarale Sharon. Now he is back by the sea he loves so much.

"I just cannot survive without the Kinneret. If two weeks pass hy and I'm not there, I feel really bad. It has become part of me."

And wheo he sings Veulai hy the Kinneret, Shapovalov will ons by the names of the com- realize that one circle in his life -posers and the lyricists that some - has reached its conclusion and those who wrote these probably that another one is just opening the first concert in Tel

# The Prodigy from Britain raves on

Prodigy return to Israel tonight for a show at Hangar 11 at the Tel Aviv port. And according to anyone who was at their first appearance here last

April, they are not to be missed. The British quartet has sold over three million records, won awards from MTV, and collected a worldwide cache of fans with their ener-

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ANCE and rave icons The Liam Howlett with MC Maxim Reality, and dancers Leeroy Thornhill and Keith Flint, the multi racial band has released two albums and just completed their

> A first single "Firestarter" was released this summer and caught the dance world by a storm, sitting at oumber ooe in England for over three weeks.

For those brave enough to attend, be prepared for an audio

and visual overload. David Brinn **TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15** 

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# Tel Hai's night at the races

Sunday night in the gala master classes. The most interesting feature was the fact that the pianists were much more at home when playing slow, serene and complicated movements than fast ones, which at times turned into

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more often.

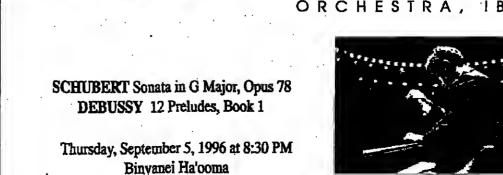
In time she might feel more secure with faster movements too. but on this occasion her schizo-

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rate by 0.5 percentage points. Bank Leumi was the first to announce the reduction, followed by Bank Hapoalim, Bank Discount, United Mizrahi Bank and First International Bank. They said no change is expected in the other interest components.

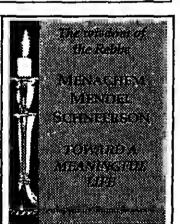
Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper said the reduction is "a small, though insufficient," step in the right direction. He called on the ceotral bank to reduce interest by yet another 2%, "so as to prevent a further slump in the capital market in exports and in the economy in general." The economy, be said, is suffering from a period of instability, reflected in a growing current-account deficit, a capital-market crisis and artificial movements in the foreign currency market.

Chambers of Commerce Association president Danny Gillermao said the central bank's monthly changes of rates create more uncertainty in the economy. The Bank of Israel would have been better off leaving rates nochaoged rather than surprise the markets with frequent, smallscale rate changes, he said.

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Meridor: Economy slowing down, but far from recession

**EVELYN GORDON** 

slowdown right now, hut is far from a recession, Finance Minister Dan Meridor told the Knesset Figance Committee

"There is no doubt there has been a slowdown in the past few months," he told reporters after the meeting.

yesterday.

THE economy is experiencing a

However, be stressed, slower growth does not mean a recession.

Just a few days ago, the Central Burean of Statistics predicted 3.5%-4% growth this year, he

While this is not the rapid pace of the previous few years, when growth reached 6%-7%, it is still quite respectable, he noted.

Unfortunately, he continued, the slowdown has so far not affected coosumption, which the government would like to see curbed. Instead, it has been mainly evident in areas such as

The government hopes to increase growth again by a policy of widespread privatization and liberalization, but this will take time, be added.

"Policy is measured over the long term," he said. Bank of Israel Governor Jacob

Frenkel added that the previous high growth had been to some extent artificial, fueled largely by consumption and excess

"The slowdown shows that part of the recent growth was unsustainable," be said.

Regarding the capital markets. Meridor said these could no longer he considered in crisis. since the government's intervention in the bond markets succeeded in stabilizing them

"But there is no doubt the cap-

ital markets require a much more fundamental reform," he added, stressing it was foolish to think there was any one simple solution.

MKs from across the political spectrum said they came out of the meeting feeling that Meridor and Frenkel have some sharp disagreements as to the scope of the central bank's powers.

Meridor stressed that the government is the sole arbiter of economic policy, while Frenkel insisted that his role as the govemment's economic adviser requires him to express an opinion on a wide range of economic issues - issues which most central bank governors, whose mandate does not include this dual role, would oever touch.

However, the two men themaelves flatly denied any

"There were no differences of opinion," Meridor said.

There was complete agreement," he said. "I said overall responsibility rests with the government, since that's the elected body, and the governor said exactly the same thing."

"I didn't hear any disagreements between me and the finance minister regarding the interpretation of the Bank of Israel Law," agreed Frenkel, saying Meridor had stressed the division of anthority between the government and the central bank and the need for the latter to be independent. "The finance minister and I see eye to eye on these things."

However, he stressed, his position as the government's economic adviser not only permits him to express an opinion on everything from budgetary policy to the Trans-Israel Highway, it obligates him to do so.

# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Hilton chain to run Beersheha hotel: The Hilton Hotel chain yesterday signed an agreement with Elad Hotels to run a hotel in downtown Beersheba. The hotel, which will include 262 rooms and suites, will have conference rooms, restaurants, a bealth club and a pool.

Construction began in 1994, and the \$30 million hotel is expected to open at the end of the year. It is expected to serve mainly husinessmeo pursuing projects to the developing industrial regions of the Negev.

Peretz says real number of foreign workers here is 400,000: Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz yesterday estimated that the number of foreign workers in the country is around 400,000, and not the 200,000 cited in official reports.

Peretz was speaking during a meeting at which Binyamin Gonen of the Histadrut executive expressed shock over the proposal by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai to set up camps for foreign workers who would later be deported, Peretz agreed, saying the plan "is an inhumane solution which would seriously damage Israel's image abroad.

MCI signs key US wireless strategy pact: MCI Communications Corp. said yesterday it has reached a 10-year deal with NextWave Telecom Inc. that thrusts MCI into the top tier of US wireless communications providers.

Under terms of the deal, MCI said it will connect its network to a system planned by NextWave to provide wireless personal communications services, giving it the capacity to offer service to more than 110 million individuals in 63 areas, including 29 of the top 50 markets. Washington-based MCI said it will huy at least 10 billion minutes of capacity for its personal communications services from NextWave over 10 years. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

# US, Russia give UN plan for Mideast development bank

THE United States and Russia yesterday deposited plans for the Mideast development hank with the United Nations.

The only element preventing the bank's final go-ahead is the appropriation of \$52.5 million by

the US Congress. While the Seoate authorized the transfer of funds earlier this month, there has been considerable opposition to the move hy Coogressmao who argue the funding should come out of the existing civilian aid to the Middle

The decision whether to appropriate the first of five annual payments has to be made before September 30, the end of the US ment, which are likely to take 12 capital.

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financial year. Ao international transition team of 10 people will oversee the fioal preparations for the opening of the Cairo-based bank, which will fuod major

cross-border iofrastructure projects in the region. The team, which will be headed by a US appointee, will also include an Israeli, likely to be either a Bank of Israel represeotative or Foreign Ministry assistant director general for ecocomics Oded Eran. Its members have been charged with finding a suit-

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The bank is one of three regional organizations, together with the Regional Busicess Council and the Middle East Travel and Tourism Agency, being set up following the Casablanca and Amman economic summits held in 1994 and 1995.

Funding, if approved by Congress, will include 21% from the US, 9% from Japao and 6% from Rossia. The major local partners in the bank - the Palestinian Aothority, Jordan, Egypt and Israel - each have 4% of the bank's \$5 hillion worth of equity-

Of the \$5b., \$1.25b. is paid-up

# Bank Discount profits up 47%

Oil Refineries moves into the red, loses NIS 17.2 million

BANK Discount completed the second quarter with a 46.9 perceot growth in net profits to NIS 71.6 million from NIS 48.8m. in the corresponding period last year.

Management said the rise in earnings was mainly due to the difference in the gap of the actual and known Consumer Price Index between the two periods.

Net return oo equity oo an annual basis reached 7.3%. The board of directors declared an ioterim cash dividend of NIS 35m. at its meeting yesterday.

Net profit in the first half of the year fell 3.6% to The decline was influeoced mainly by the directives of the supervisor of banks to limit risks.

This involved, among others, the banks setting aside an additional provision which management said reduced net income by NIS 26.4m., compared with only NIS 1.7m. in the same period last year.

The additional provision was

# COMPANY RESULTS

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

partly offset by a drop in the provisioo for taxes to NIS 184.7m. from NIS 216.1m. in the first half of last year.

Oil Refineries Ltd., Israel's third-largest company, lost NIS 17.19m. in the second quarter, compared with a net profit of NIS 18,92m, in the corresponding period last year, the stateowned company yesterday said. Net profits io the first six

NIS 8.23m. from NIS 51.1m. in the same period last year. Chairman of the board of directors Ilao Biran hlamed the loss on the continued crisis in oil

mooths of the year shruok to

prices on world markets. As a result of government policy. Oil Refineries is almost totally exposed to the fluctuating international oil market.

Management said the loss was also due to the unrealistic price of crude oil, which is determined hy the government.

According to the company, crude oil prices are curreotly \$2-\$3 per ton lower than world prices, causing the company damage of between \$20m. and \$30m. each year.

Israel Chemicals Ltd., the company's largest chemical group, yesterday reported a turnaround in earnings, to a oel profit of \$24.8m. from a net loss of \$32.2m. in the corresponding period last year.

Net profits io the first six mooths rose to \$39.2m., compared with a oet loss of \$22.1m. io the same period last year. Management said the significant improvement stemmed from 1995's recovery program.

The improvement was also attributed to a rise in prices in most of the products the group manufacturers and the purchase of two chemical compaoies, the Germao BKL Ladeoburg and the US-based Clearon.

Management said these purchases led to a 34% growth in sales and doubled the group's operating profits.

# **Sharon blasts** plan for PWD layoffs

DAVID HARRIS

NATIONAL Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon has intervened on behalf of the Public Works Department, after the Finance Ministry told the PWD to fire 350 workers from its staff of 980 as part of the public sector budget cuts.

Sharon said on Sunday he will not allow the redundancies to be implemented wholesale.

He told the PWD he is holding a series of talks with the Treasury aimed at averting the

This is the latest in a series of disputes since Finance Minister Dan Meridor informed the PWD its 1997 budget would be NIS 1.375 hillion, a decrease in real terms from NIS 1.340b. this vear considering the expected 13-percent inflation rate in 1996.

Sharon is proposing that .85 staff members be laid off in the next financial year. Some would be of pensionable age and others, aged over 60, would be ofgood retirement conditions. Meanwhile, the PWD wants to

continue its planned road building scheme according to its preferential list, beginning new projects while others are being However, according to a Fi-

nance Ministry source, the Treasury is suggesting the PWD com-plete projects before progressing with the next batch.

The PWD workers committee has agreed to abide by Sharon's request not to consider industrial action while he is negotiating with the Treasury.

# WorldCom to acquire MFS for \$14 billion

NEW YORK (Reuter) - World-Com Inc. said yesterday it will acquire MFS Communications Co. Inc. in a stock swap worth at least \$14 billion, creating a giant international husiness communications company.

The combined company, to be called MFS WorldCom, will provide "a single source for a full range of local, long distance, Internet and international service

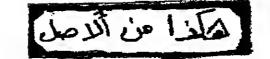
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The merged company will have current annualized revenue of about \$5.4b., with more than 500,000 husiness customers throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

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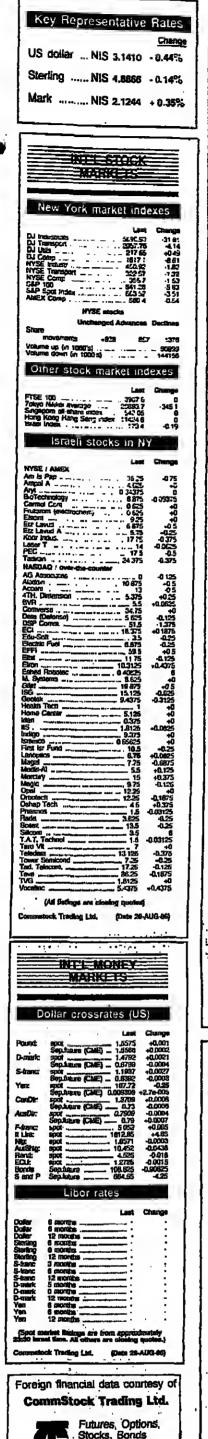
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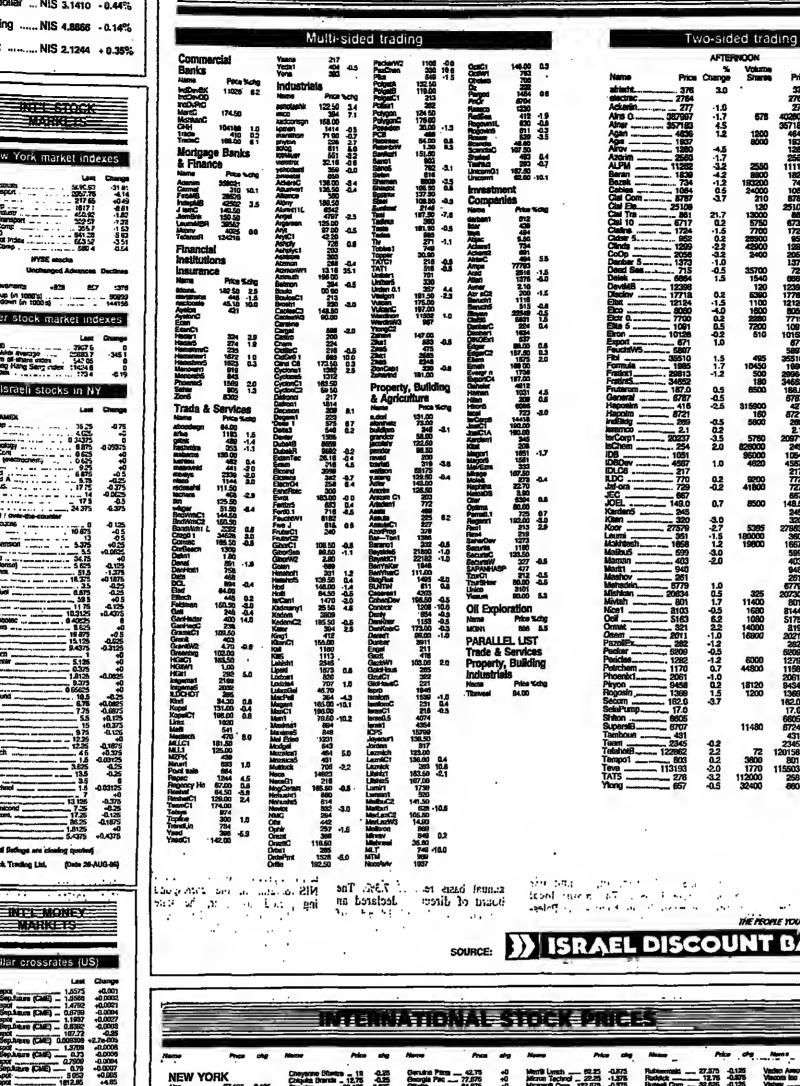
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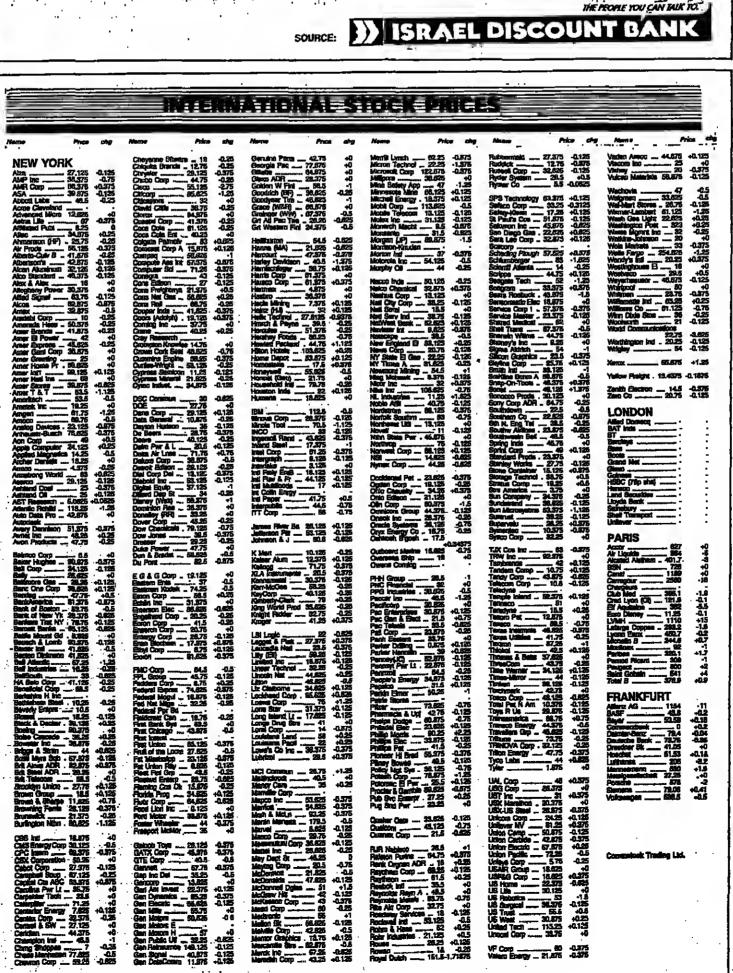
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# Small rate cut lowers shares

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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Two-Sided index

STOCKS dropped yesterday amid disappointment at the ecotral haok's anconneement that it would cut its benchmark interest rate by only half a point.

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0.7%" the market would have risen, said Guy Tzidno, pnrtfolio manager with BLT Securities. "Maybe ahove 1%, we have a short phase in which the market would rise, but in the long term there's oot much chaoge here. There's no buyers. There's oo market here."

The Maof Index fell 1.22% to 184.98, while the Two-Sided Index eased 0.88% to 174.38.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 56.8m. warth af shares traded, 7.9% less than the mooth's daily average of NIS 61.7m. Advancing and declining shares were about even.

The most active stock was Piryon, up 0.25% on NIS 6.7m. worth of shares traded. Piryon is a holding company for investments in a leasing company, a security brokerage and other fields.

Piryoo's parent, Israel Corp., offered two weeks ago to pay NIS 95 a share for the 49.9% of

Maof index Piryon it doesn't already own. The offer was 35% above Piryoo's mar-

ket price at the time. Israel Corp. shares dropped 3.5% yesterday. Discouot Baok reported that second-quarter net profits advanced 47%. The stock dropped

Israel Chemicals earned NIS 79.5m. in the quarter against a loss of NIS 103.6m. The stock defied a strooger shekel and rose

'Israel Chemicals is quite attractive," Tzidon said, "New mansgement there is putting in a lot of effort, and their contacts with multinationals will bear fruit."

The company turned out "good statements, though the dollar is very erueial. The shekel must weaken" to help Israel Chemicals in the future. The company relies on exports, which are hurt when the shekel strengthens.

Clal Trading jumped 21.75%. Africa-Israel Investments Ltd. fell 1.25%.

The ceotral hank, setting interest rate policy for September, cut the rate it charges banks for loans by balf a point to 15.8%. A spokesman for the Bank of Israel said inflation in the second half would be lower than the first half's

Investors were expecting a cut of 0.5 to one percentage point. (Bloomberg)

# Weaker dollar depresses European markets

## **WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP**

LONDON (Reuter) - The dollar eoded Europeao trading sbarply down against the mark and yen yesterday with the markets nervous over Tokyo's mooetary direction ahead of a key Japanese ecooomic survey due this week.

The dollar at the close had slipped by nearly a pfennig and a yen compared with Friday's levels in dealings that were subdued be-cause British markets were shut for a seasonal holiday.

The weaker dollar had a depressing effect oo the main European bourses, which ended down after business that was quiet be-

cause of Londoo's closure. The dollar's closing level of 107.55 yen compared to Friday's 108.50 was prompted by a growing uncertainty over the direction of

Japan's monetary policy. The Bank of Japan'a quarterly Tankan survey on companies' expectations of future business is out tomorrow and is regarded as an important reference for formulating mooetary policy. Although

few expect the survey to change

Japan'a steady monetary policy

stance, markets become nervous

versus Friday's figure of 1.4871. Io Fraokfurt, German stocks ended almost unchanged from Friday's closing price after a listless

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The dollar, which began sliding

against the mark last week as eu-phoria over a German interest rate

cut fizzled ont, fell further of

Monday to end at 1,4789 marks

index, the cloudier the outlook.

session. The mood was depressed by the weaker dollar and the holiday in London.
"It's like a morgue out there, everything's dead. Hopefully by the cud of next week things will

begin to fill up again," said one Frankfurt trader. In after-hours business, trading on the computerized IBIS index

was also down near the close. French shares drifted to end the day slightly lower after dull trading which traders said lacked direction

following the French and German rate cuts of last week. Last Thursday and Friday, the bourse rose after the Bank of

France cut its intervention rate to 3.35 percent following a surprise Bundesbank repo rate cut.

# Dow falls on fear of higher rates

**WALL STREET WEEK** 

NEW YORK (AP) - Stock prices fell yesterday in sympathy with bonds, amid concerns that mounting economic streogth might prod interest rates higher.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 28.85 points to close at 5,693.89. Traders and analysts described a

typical late-summer session, with many market players out oo vaca-tion and remaining investors groping for something upoo which to hang their trades.

Weaker bonds provided a slight impetus to sell, after two fresh reports on real estate activity failed to quell last week's concerns that the economy may be growing at too rapid and inflationary a pace.

The 30-year beochmark Treasury bond was down 21/32 point, yielding 6.99 percent, after the

Commerce Department said that US building permits rose and adjusted 3% in July, more than the expected rise of 2.6%.

And the National Association of Realtors said sales of existing single-family homes slipped in July to a 4.14 millioo seasonally adjusted annual rate. That was down slightly from a revised June figure of 4.16 million, but it was higher than any month of 1995.

The real-estate data stoked bond investors' concerns that the economy could be growing fast enough to induce the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates in order to head off inflation.

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# Coetzer shocks Huber at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) - South African Amanda Coetzer shocked sixth-seeded Anke Huber as the US Open, embroiled in controversy, began its two-week run on the hardcourts of the National Tennis Center.

Huber was the second seeded player to tumble from the women's singles draw. No. 12 Magdalena Maleeva, the youngest of three tennis-playing sisters from Bulgaria, fell to qualifier Aleksandra Olsze of Poland 6-4, 6-2

Coetzer, who was seeded here in 1994 when she reached the quarter-finals. defeated her German opponent 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. Last year, the little 5-foot-2 blonde had a had draw, losing in the first round to eventual champion Steffi Graf one tournament after she had upset the world's topranked player.

Other seeded players playing opening matches had no such problems.

No. 13 Brenda Schultz-Mc-Carthy of the Netherlands overpowered Japan's Nana Miyagi 6-1. 6-4 and No. 16 Martina Hingis of Switzerland, playing on Stadium Court, demolished Spain's Angeles Montolio 6-1, 6-0.

Wimhledon finalist MaliVai Washington won his first-round match, stopping Karim Alami of Morocco 6-4. 2-6, 7-6(7-5), 6-1.

Michael Stich, runnerup here two years ago but unseeded this

year, defeated fellow German Tommy Haas 6-3, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5; Sweden's Kenneth Carlsen downed Patrick Rafter of Australia 7-6(9-7), 6-3, 7-6(8-6); Spain's Sergi Bruguera stopped Kris Goossens of Belgium 6-2, 6-0, 7-6(7-1); and Carlos Moya of Spain ousted Scott Humphries of the US, 6-1, 6-7(3-7), 6-7(1-7), 6-0. 6-4

American Jeff Tarango advanced when Romanian Alex Radulescu retired with heat exhaustion while trailing 6-7(5-7), 6-4, 6-1, 3-1.

The tournament hegan without its No. 7 seed in the men's singles - French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov - as a result of a decision hy the US Tennis Association to stray from the ATP Tour computer rankings.

"I was shocked when I saw what they did to me," said Kafelnikov, who is ranked fourth in the world, three places above his seeding. "I deserve to be seeded No. 4. I won a Grand Slam tournament and consider myself a good hardcourt player.

Also threatening to pull out of the tournament in protest was Thomas Muster, who is ranked No. 2 in the world hut dropped to No. 3 in the seedings behind American Michael Chang.

"Players fight all year to earn their rankings and seedings," said Muster.

SCOREBOARD

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER - Last night's game: Leeds 1, Wimbledon 0.

# Logrones turns down Berkowitz

EYAL Berkowitz is returning to Maccabi Haifa. After a tryout and extended negotiations with Logrones, Berkowitz was told by the Spanish first division side his services would not be required.

The talented midfielder is included in the 20-man national squad, and should play in the World Cup qualifying match against Bulgaria on Sunday at the National Stadium, Ramat Gan.

# County Championship results

day English County Championas a draw - rain. Nottinghamshire 446g declared and 53-0. Surrey 128-4 deship cricket matches yesterday:

At Colchester: Essex beat Gloucestershire hy an innings and 64 runs. Gloucestershire 280 and 18S (J.Russell 57. M.Lynch So; N.Williams 5-43), Essex 532-8 declared (G.Gooch 111. R.Jrani 91, P.Prichard 88, D.Robinson 72; M.Alleyne 4-80). Essex 24 points,

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wickshire 310 and 162-4 declared. Worcestershire 205-9 declared (K.Spiring 52; A.Giles 3-12) and 164-4 (P. Weston 52). Worcestershire g points, Warwickshire 10. At Headingley: Match drawn, York-

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Collated weekend results in the 21st round of Australian Football League (AFL) Australian Rules football: Collingwood 24.9 (153) def. Adelaide 14.12 (96) West Coast 24.7 (151) def. Melbourne 11.12 (78)

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Geelong 16.13 (109) def. North Melbourne 14.12 (96)

# Mantle has monument in Yankee Stadium

NEW YORK (AP) - It was May 30, 1956, and 9-year-old Billy Crystal watched in awe as Mickey Mantle hlasted a home run off the right-field facade at Yankee

"That day," Crystal said. "I knew I wanted to play haseball. I wanted to be Mickey Mantle."

Crystal's story was just one of thousands shared among fans of Mantle on Sunday as the New York Yankees unveiled a red granite monument to honor the Hall of Fame slugger, who died last year.

On a picture postcard afternoon, Joe DiMaggio, Whitey Ford, Phil Rizzuto and more than 50,000 fans packed Yankee Stadium to honor Mantle, just like they had on June 8, 1969, for the first "Mickey

The famed hallpark was decked out for

the occasion. A white 7, Mantle's number, was spray painted on the grass along the first- and third-hase lines. The video scoreboard in right-center field showed replays of some of Mantle's great moments, and as the ceremony began the center-field scoreboard read simply: At Bat: 7.

In addition, a commemorative baseball adorned with a facsimile of Mantle's uniform and signature - was used during the Yankees' game against the Oakland Athletics. The only other time such a ball was used was when Baltimore's Cal Ripken hroke Lou Gehrig's consecutive games streak last year.

Mantle's monument is the fourth to be erected by the Yankees and the first in 47 years. The five-foot, 4,500-pound monument made of granite mined in Finland, sits hehind the three other permanent

monuments for legendary Yankees manager Miller Huggins, Lou Gehrig and Babe

Mantle had already been enshrined with a plaque along with 15 other members of the Yankees family. Monuments are reserved for Yankees who have passed away; a place has already heen set aside of DiMaggio.

More than 2,500 fans patiently waited out long lines before the pregame ceremony to get a sneak preview of the monument before its official unveiling. After veering left at the three other monuments, fans paused at the stone to take photos and read the inscription: Mickey Mantle "A Great Teammate" 1931-1995.

Below a brief rundown of Mantle's many hasehall accomplishments, including 536 home runs and three MVP awards, the stone reads: "A Magnificent Yankee who left a legacy of Unequaled Courage."

Dave Oliver, a lifelong Yankees fan from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., brought his 10vear-old son, Jason, and 7-year-old daughter, Rachael, to see history.

"I was here the night before he hit No. 500." Oliver, 41, said. "But the thing I remember about Mickey, was me standing there by the player's entrance and the feeling I got when he would walk by. He was an absolute god."

He was to Crystal, too. "When I was 9 years old I limped for no reason," Crystal said, reminding fans of his hero's aching knees. "When I was Bar Mitzvahed I spoke with an Oklahoman accent'

"Today," said Crystal, speaking with a Mantle-like drawl, "I am a man."

# Mushtaq, Wasim subdue England

**SPORTS** 

LONDON (Renter) - Mushtaq Ahmed and Wasim Akram confirmed their status as two of the world's great match-winning bowlers yesterday hy hustling Pakistan to a convincing 2-0 series victory over England at The

The home side buckled helplessly under the strain on the final afternoon as they were howled out for 242, leaving Pakistan to score just 48 runs to complete a nine-wicket win with a possible 23.2 overs to spare.

Mushtaq, the architect of England's first Test defeat at Lord's, bowled his wrist spinners unchanged from the Vauxhall End to finish with figures of six for 78, with Wasim slicing through the tail tn join one of Test cricket's most exclusive

His three for 67 made him only the 11th bowler in Test history to reach 300 wickets, a fitting personal reward for a captain whose team has set impressive standards throughout their all-conquering tour.

Five months ago, angry supporters were besieging Wasim's home after Pakistan's quarter-final defeat to India in the World Now he is a hero again after

presiding over Pakistan's fifth successive series win over England at home and abroad. England last beat its opponents in a series in 1982. Wasim paid tribute to Mush-

taq, praising him as "the best spinner in the world". "Each individual really fought well today," he said. "The boys

have really made me proud," The irrepressible Mushtag was named man-of-the-match as well as Pakistan's man-of-the-series

and England could claim that without him the margin would have been less pronounced. He took five for 57 as England spiraled to defeat at Lord's, losing its last nine wickets for 75, and repeated the trick on his return to London, taking six for 67

England thought it had suffered enough against the leg-spin

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of Shane Warne, but Wasim claimed Mushtaq, who has now taken 45 wickets in his last six Tests, was bowling even better than the Australian.

"He's getting hetter day hy day...I think he's the best spinner in the world." said Wasim. "He's got more variety than Shane Warne." Wasim suggested Pakistan's

bowlers "have done the hoys really proud" but there are few weak links in a team who have not always bonded so , successfully. "We have just proved that if

we stick together we can beat any team in the world," he said. Even when England was 166 for two in early afternoon, the

Pakistanis still refused to settle for the easy option of a draw with victory in the series already England first Innings 326 41.Crawley 108, G.Thorpe 54; Wager Yourse 4 95) Pakiatan first Innings 521-8 declared Saaet Arwar 176, Seim Malk 100 not out, ljaz Ahmed 61)

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# Tribe rallies to beat Brewers

Belle celebrated his 30th hirthday hy putting the Cleveland Indians ahead with a two-run single in the seventh inning as the Indians came back from a four-run deficit to stop the Milwaukee Brewers 8-5 on Sunday.

In the third straight close game between teams separated by 151/2 games in the standings, Belle came up after Jim Thome was intentionally walked to load the

After Doug Jones relieved, Belle hit the first pitch through a huge hole between first and second, beating the Brewers' strategy and their shift. Second baseman Fernando Vina was playing almost behind second hase.

Paul Shuey (4-2) pitched 11/3 innings for the victory. Jose Mesa pitched the ninth for his 31st save. Angel Miranda (7-6) was the

loser.

Athletics 6, Yankees 4 On a day the New York Yankees honored Mickey Mantle, Mark McGwire reminded fans of how far the Hall of Famer could hit them with a 446-foot shot in

New York. McGwire, the major leagues home run leader, hit his 44th this season in the second inning and drove in four runs for the A's. Oakland snapped a five-game losing streak against New York. Matt Stairs hit a pinch-hit homer in the ninth off Jeff Nel-

CLEVELAND (AP) - Alhert son (4-4) and McGwire's single made it 6-4.

Darryl Strawherry and Tino Martinez homered for the Yankees, who remained six games ahead of Baltimore in the American League East

Mike Mohler (5-2) picked up the win.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Rockies 13, Pirates 9 Vinny Castilla homered twice and drove in four runs as Colorado came back from an early five-

run deficit to win at home. The Rockies rallied as Casulla hit his career-best 33rd and 34th home runs. Larry Walker hit his 18th homer and also drove in four runs, and Ellis Burks hit his 36th homer and drove in three runs.

Giants 7, Expos 2 Barry Bonds' consecutive-

games streak ended at 357, but substitute Trenidad Hubbard homered and tripled for the hosts. Bonds made pinch-hit appear-

ances in the Giants' two previous games while resting his strained left hamstring. But the injured. left fielder did not play at all. ending the longest streak in San Francisco history and stopping the longest active streak behind Cal Ripken's record string.

Mets seek Greener pastures Dallas Green was fired yesterday as manager of the New York Mets and replaced by Bobby Valentine.

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# Paralympians look to Sydney

ATLANTA (AP) - The party's over - for real, this time. Atlanta's summer of international sports came to a close Sunday as Paralympic organizers looked back on 10 days worth of world-class

Thousands of disabled athletes from more than 120 nations gathered on the floor of Olympic Stadium in a Mardi Gras-style celebration. A procession of multi-colored floats, Caribbean dancers and bands danced around the track in costumes of gold, sapphire and silver. The closing featured a rock'n'roll review emceed hy pop-chart

guru Casey Kasem and headlined by Chubby Checker, Bo Diddley and Jerry Lee Lewis. More than 200 world records for disabled athletes were set

during the Paralympics and organizers boast that they sold at least 525,000 of the 1.2 million tickets estimated for the games.

# Israel hosts youth volleyball tourney

FOR the first time, Israel hosts the European Youth Volleyhall Championships which begin tomorrow. Twelve countries will be competing in the tournament which will be held at Ra'anana's Sport Hall and at the Wingate Institute with the final in Ra'anana on September 5.

The competition will be on a round-robin basis with the teams divided into two groups. Israet has been drawn with Russia, the Netherlands, Yngoslavia,

Ukraine and Belgium. The other group has Italy, Greece, Finland, Poland, France and Belarus. Tournament favorites are Russia, the Netherlands and Italy. Chinsky, Chen Himmelfarb, Omer Danenberg, Netzer Milo, Urial

Moran, Alan Yudevich, Dror Alperin, Yonatan Shalev and Amikam Eshel. Team coach is Uri Shapira assisted by Asher Ben Yair. Chairman of the Israel Volleyhall Association Hanan Ben-Dor predicts a 5-8th place finish for the Israeli team.

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# **CRITIC'S CHOICE**

# THEATER

HELEN KAYE

SHAKESPEARE in Beirut? You bet! Cameri artistic director Omri Nitzan has directed a snavely acted, sophisticated, witty and very impudent Comedy of Errors which exiols the benefits of peace without ever sermonizing, Dan Almagor's translation brings the jokes into the '90s and Dawn Nadel has reconverted them back into English. Unmissable. Tonight at 8:30 on the Cameri main stage (Hehrew with simultaneous translation inio English)

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

IF YOU want a good spot for the classical music event of the season maybe it is a good idea to head to Hayarkon Park in Tel Aviv today. Tomorrow's free opera concert will feature the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Daniel Oren and about 100,000 spectators, to say nothing of the most beloved opera arias performed by some of the leading opera singers in the world. Those who do not like their opera and music al fresco can Channel 1, it all starts at 9 the Eilat festival.



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#### **JAZZ**

HELEN KAYE

WATCH those dolphins boogie as the Red Sea Jazz jam session around the pool.

Festival in Eilat continues with pianist Michel Camilo and his Caribbean-flavored jazz in the Coca-Cola Hall at 8 p.m. The Essel Trio with flutist lian Salem play ethnic jazz in IsrAir Hall

Tuborg Hall and vibrant jazz-soul singer Dee Dee Bridgewater is in Coca-Cola.

Krivoshei and friends in "Jimmy Smith Dynasty" (IsrAir), both at midnight, the 20-year-old, but ever fresh band Spyro Gyra in Tuborg and miracle drummer Elvin Jones and his Jazz Machine in Coca-Cols at 1 a.m.

And if you're still awake, there's the after-hours

# TELEVISION

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6:31 News in Arabic 6:48 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning torael

**EDUCATIONAL TV** 

8:00 Animated series about animals 8:30 Tom Cats 9:00 Gaya, Gel and Gui 9:15 Kalimaru 9:30 Huckleberry First 10:00 Little Woman 10:30 Vacation Studio 13:00 Cartoon about animals 13:30 Torn Cats 14:00 Gaya, Gal and Git 14:15 Kalemanu 14:30 Moornins 15:00 Zombit

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19:31 Graco Under Fire 20:00 Mabat News 20:50 Lotto draw live 20:55 Siston – repeat of the popular local drama series 22:05 Daniel and Nabucco – documentary on Israeli conductor Daniel Oren and the Israeli production of Natucco, which he conducted in January, 1995 23:00 As Time Goes By 23:30 News 00:05 Verse of the

#### E CHANNEL 2

10:00 Nikkli, wild dog of the North (1961)—
When separated in the Alaskan wildemess from his master, a Canadian trapper, a worldog learns to fend for himself. Starring Don Haldrane. (74 mins.) 11:25 Happily Ever After — Ammated sense on well-known fairy tales. Little Red Riching Hood 12:00 Tush Tush 13:00 A Matter of Time 13:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air 14:00 Tick Tack 14:30 All Together Now 15:00Meet the Muncys 18:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshet 17:30 First Love 18:00 Ruby 19:00 Lingo 19:25 Banana Spit—Rath inbar's Dutch candid-camera series 20:00 News 20:30 Rames Aviv Gimmel 21:15 The Price is Right 22:15 The Camen Quinst 22:45 The 19:96 Golden Quil Awards competition in combination with the Awards competition in combination with the 80th anniversary of ACLIM, the Association of Composers and Musicians 23:00 The X-Files 00:00 News 00:05 Night-time Rendezvous with Kobi Medan 00:40 Nurses 1:05 Jazz on the Red Sea 2:00 On the Edge of the Shell

#### E JORDAN TV

15:05 Iris the Happy Professor 15:15 Captain Planet 15:45 Hot Shots 16:10 Bob Morrison Show 18:30 Alt 17:00 French programs 19:30 News Headlines 19:35 Blossom 20:00 Documentary 20:30 Encounter (talk show) 20:45 Varieties 21:10 Star Trek — The Next Generation 22:00 News in English 22:25 Human Target 23:15 Hewaii 5-0 23:45 My Two

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#### E FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Peria Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Stanting at 1:30 14:05 Z Jump Street 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Peria Negra 20:50 Mailbu Beach 21:40 Perry Mason: The Case of the Defarit Daughter (1991) – TV movie with Raymond Burr (90 mins.) 23:20 Frasier 23:45 Melrose Place 00:35 Robin's Hoods 1:20 Hill Street Blues

#### MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 The Last Best Year (1990) – a terminally 8 woman is helped by a sensitive psychologist (rpt) 13:10 Room at the Top (1959) – an ambalous working-class man sacrifices love for marriage to the boss's daughter (rpt) 15:05 Le Chateau de Ma Mere (1991, French) – Continuation of Marcel Pagnol's memories of childhood holidays in Provence (93 mins.) 18:45 Time Bandits (1981) – 18:40 Short Circuit (1986) – 20:20 The Ryan White Story (1989) – True story of a boy with hemophilia who became infected with AIDS by a blood transfusion, and fought both for his life and for the right to go to school, With the and for the right to go to school With Judith Light and Lukas Haas. (93 mins.) 22:00 Blood Warnors (1893) - An ex-22:00 Blood Warriors (1993) — An ex-Marine discovers that his best triend is now the leader of a band of mercenaries and their friendship becomes a batter, violent rivally, With David Bradley and Frants Zagarino, (91 mins.) 23:35 Hold Up (1995, French) — Jean-Paul Belmondo robs a bank in Montreal and flees, with the police and an old enemy both on his trail (109 mins.) 1:30 Perfect Family (1992) — a man who has lost his wife and daughter finds work in the home of a widow and her daughter (rpt) 3:00 Nightmars on the 13th Floor (1990) — a reporter arrives at a hotel and discovers strange things on the 13th

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#### **SECOND SHOWING (6)**

22:00 Jeux Interdits (1952, French) — Classic anti-war film, set in the French countryside. An orphan adopted by a poor family creates a secret world together with the family's youngest son. With Brights Fossey, Georges Poujouly and Louis Herbert. Directed by Rene Clement (82 mins.) 23:25 Intermezzo (1939) — Melodrama about the desperate and impossible love of a tamous married vilmiss and his beautiful young pupi. With Ingrid Bergman and Leste Howard. Directed by Gregory Ratoff [68 mins.)

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WORCE OF MUSIC

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# Kahalani, Hefetz reach agreement on Mazor job

A LENGTHY stand-off between Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani and Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz appears to have ended, with a compromise being reached over appointing Cmdr. Sando Mazor to head the police investigations division.

Kahalani and Hefetz met Sunday night and agreed that Mazor would take the post on November 1, instead of September I, as originally intended when former internal security minister Moshe Shahal mede the appointment, ministry sources said.

The written understanding, however, in the form of a letter by Kahalani and Hefetz, is more

#### **BILL HUTMAN**

vaguely worded. "I want to emphasize and make clear that the postponement I have made ... is not intended to point to any particular decision concerning the matter [of the appointment]

itself," Kahalani wrote. This apparently leaves Kahalani the right to chose someone else to take the sensitive post. Sources close to Kahalani, however, said this is not likely to happen. Mazor

is to replace Cmdr. Yossi Levy. Hefetz was infurieted by Kahalani's original decision to postpone the appointment. At the

Mazor to take the post and Hefetz believed the minister planned to appoint someone else in his place.

Senior police officers reportedly helieved Kahalani wanted to appoint someone else to the sensitive post so that he could have greater influence over police investigations.

Mazor, with Hefetz's backing, threatened to petition the High Court of Justice if Kahalani tried to void his eppointment.

Sources close to the minister said Kahalani had only wanted to postpone the appointment because several sensitive investigations are under way, making it an inopportune time to change division heads.

# Histadrut to cancel most personal contracts

THE Histadrut leadership yesterday decided cut the number of senior officials employed under personal contracts, as part of its effort to cut costs and halance its

budget by the end of the year. These officials and other employees on personal contract are to be moved to another wage ladder, which is in keeping with the collective wage agreement.

li is not clear, however, whether the senior officials will agree to the new arrangement and stay with the Histadrut, Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz said that a number of employees in "positions of confidence" would remain on personal contracts.

According to the Histadrut's administrative section, 46 senior officials have personal contracts for wages considered high even in MICHAL YUDELMAN

the private sector, which cost the labor federation hundreds of thousands of shekels a month.

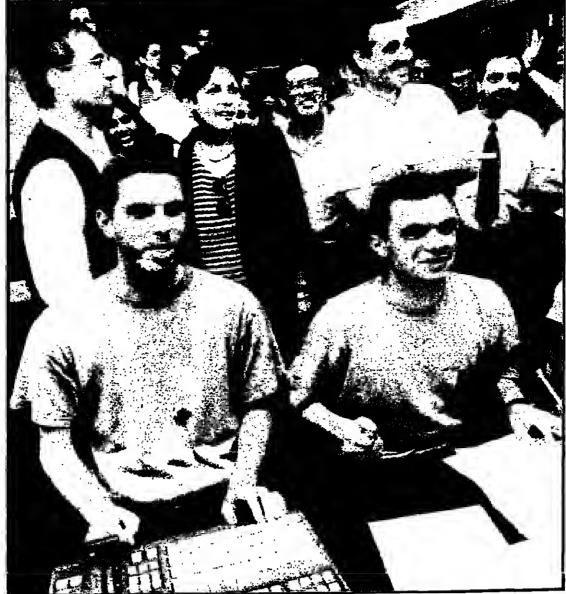
The trade union section's legal adviser, for instance, earns more than NIS 80,000 a month, while directors-general and section heads earn NIS 24,000 to NIS 27,000 a month.

Before the new leadership headed hy former Histadrut chairman Haim Ramon - came to power, all Histadrut workers were employed under a collective wage agreement. The new leadership fired close to 1,000 workers, claiming it was making budgetary cuts, but at the same time hired hundreds of new employees, mostly on personal contracts. Ramon also closed the

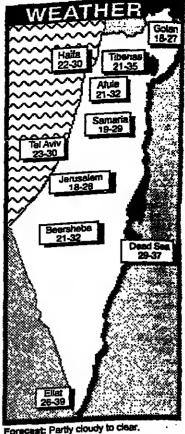
Histadrut's legal department, but hired some 100 legal advisers, in the hope that strengthening the Histadrut's legal services would bring it new members. Since the new leadership tonk over, the Histadrut's membership - and, consequently, its income - have been dwindling steadily.

The insistence on hiring workers on personal contracts also weakened the Histadrut's position in defending workers whose unions fought against employers who were increasing the number of workers employed on personal contracts.

Histadrut union chairman Haim Haliwa said there are some 450 recently hired workers, consisting mostly of political appointees. The Histadrut is planning to fire some 600 more workers by the end of



Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Labor MK Haggai Merom (standing, second from right) help inaugurate the new television and radio stations in the communications section of the Center for Technological Education in Holon yesterday. Livnat promised her ministry would help any educational institution offering training in mass communications.



AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, the king of hearts, the ten of diamonds, and the eight of clubs.

# Galilee residents want proposed industrial zone turned into park

JEWISH and Arab residents in the western Galilee fighting plans to establish an industrial zone directly over the region's main source of drinking water have suggested turning the site into a nature park

and tourist attraction. The environmentalists maintain that any industrial or commercial development on the proposed site, south of the Kabri junction, would lifevitably lead to pollution of the water sources.

Thousands attended a protest rally at the proposed site last night, joined by leading Jewish and Arab poets and entertainers.

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The plans for the site, proposed hy the Match Asher Regional Council, call for the establishment of an industrial zone on 1,000 dunams of land south of Kibbutz Kabri.

Opponents, hacked by the Environment Ministry and ecological experts, say this would put the industrial zone directly on top of natural springs and two underground reservoirs. Yoram Verete of Klil in the western Galilee, noted that these aquifers supply drinking water for tens of thou-

sands of residents of Acre, Nahariya, Arah villages and kibbutzim and moshavim in the western Galilee not connected to the national water network.

Match Asher Regional Council chairman Yehuda Shavit, himself member of Kibbutz Kabri. insisted, however, that proponents of the project were hardly interested in jeopardize their own water supply. "The aim is to help create jobs, apart from fading agriculture, in the region, on a site that has been chosen by experts as the best of several other alternatives,

# The haredi attack on Barak

**EVELYN GORDON** 

YESTERDAY'S uproar focused on two pieces that appeared this week in haredi papers. One in Hashavua and one in Yated Ne'eman. Both attacked Supreme Court President Aharon Barak as being dangerous to both Judaism and democracy.

This dangerous enemy is called Aharon Barak," said the piece in Yated. "He is stronger than any government. He overshadows the police, the legislature, and also the executive. With one stroke, he can remove a minister from his post or deprive a party of the right to run in the elections. Democracy has ended. The rule of the people bas ended ... He bas arrogated to himself the right to decide for me and for you what we are permitted to think and what we have the right

Following this introduction, most of the piece was devoted to an analyand how it could be undermined.

"The key is very simple: He keeps his distance," the piece said. "A politician, who is photographed

at every opportunity and speaks into every microphone ... sometimes receives great honor, but he is also exposed to criticism and contempt - a great deal of contempt. A

politician is public property. "But a man who does not come and go among the people, who doesn't give interviews and who only speaks with those his work requires him to speak with, such e person is more protected," the piece continued. The author, Haim Walder, then

related a story he had heard from his grandfather, of a rich Hungarian Jew who, despite being generally hated, was considered above everyone else - until one day, be slipped and fell in the mud. From then on, ered him superior, and treated him as his nastiness deserved.

This is also the way to handle Barak, the piece said: Having gotten involved in political matters, "he is already in the mud."

Walder, interviewed on Israel Radio yesterday, vehemently rejected the interviewer's suggestion that the article meant to imply that Barak deserved death under Jewish law.

"Oy vavoy!" he exclaimed. "I said one very simple thing: Justice Barak has changed from a Supreme Court justice into an ordinary politician ... Because the old government was thrown out and replaced by a new government that's democracy - he decided to take the reins into his own hands and interfere in a matter in which he has no right to interfere."

The turning point, Walder said, decision on whether to close Rehov Bar-Ilan.

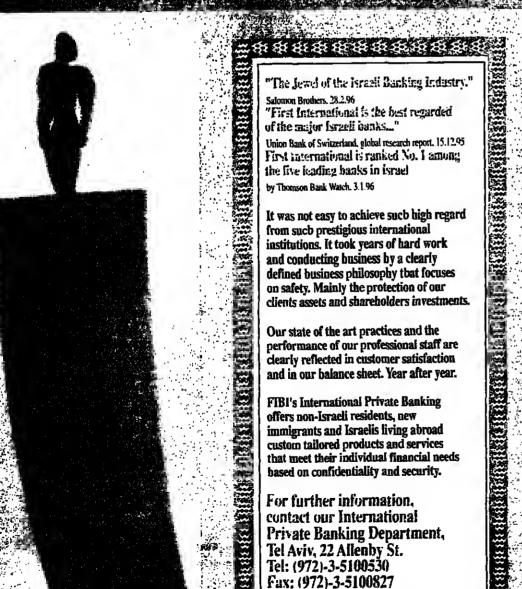
"Even had he ruled in favor of closing the road, I would have the same criticism," he said, "A judge should not deal with political issues.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, State Attorney Edna Arbel, and other senior Justice Ministry officials also entered the fray yesterday, expressing "great worry over the attacks on the Supreme Court and its president in recent weeks."

There is a danger that these attacks will undermine the faith of the public, or parts of it, in the judiciary as a whole, and in the Supreme Court in particular," they said in a press statement. "Even if a particular court ruling seems wrong to some part of the public, this does not negate the obligation to obey the law and the court's decisions. The test of whether the rule of law exists is whether court rulings are obeyed.

"The Supreme Court's rulings public, but there is no room for replacing valid criticism with personal attacks accompanied by the shadow of a threat."

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Health Ministry D-G leaving post
Health Ministry Director-General Dr. Meir Oren is leaving his post this
week after only 15 months in the job. He is returning to his previous position of director-general of Hillel Jaffe Hospital in Hadera.

Ministry spokesman Effie Lahav said that e replacement has not yet been chosen, but associete director-general Dr. Boaz Lev will serve as acting director-general. According to the statement, Oren had asked to be released from his post in June, when Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi took over from Ephraim Sneh, hut "he assented to the minister's request to remain a few months in the job to ensure stability and continuity." Judy Siegel

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(Continued from Page 1) Rabin. What happened to Rabin requires, not only justifies, legal action," he said. He added that the justice system treated the incitement that preceded Rabin's assassination with "astonishing indifference and inexplicable passivity."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid also compared the attacks on Barak to the incitement against Rabin.

"They incited against Rabin, called him a traitor and Rabin was murdered," he said. "That's a fact. All the rest is pretense, crocodile tears, and saying. 'It wasn't our hands which spilled this blood.' But someone is responsible for what happened, and what happened once

could happen again."

Meretz MK Dedi Zucker asked

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to order an immediate investigation to verify whether action could be taken against Hashavua and Yated

Ne eman. The Third Way and Tsomet also denounced the attacks. Tsomet MK Eliezer Zandberg urged the haredi faction heads to act immediately to restrain the attacks.

Batsheva Tsur adds: President Ezer Weizman denounced the attacks on Barak in the strongest terms.

Noting that every citizen has the obligation to observe and respect the law, Weizman said, "The legiti-mate right to dissent does not entitle persons to attack the law and refrain from obeying it."



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